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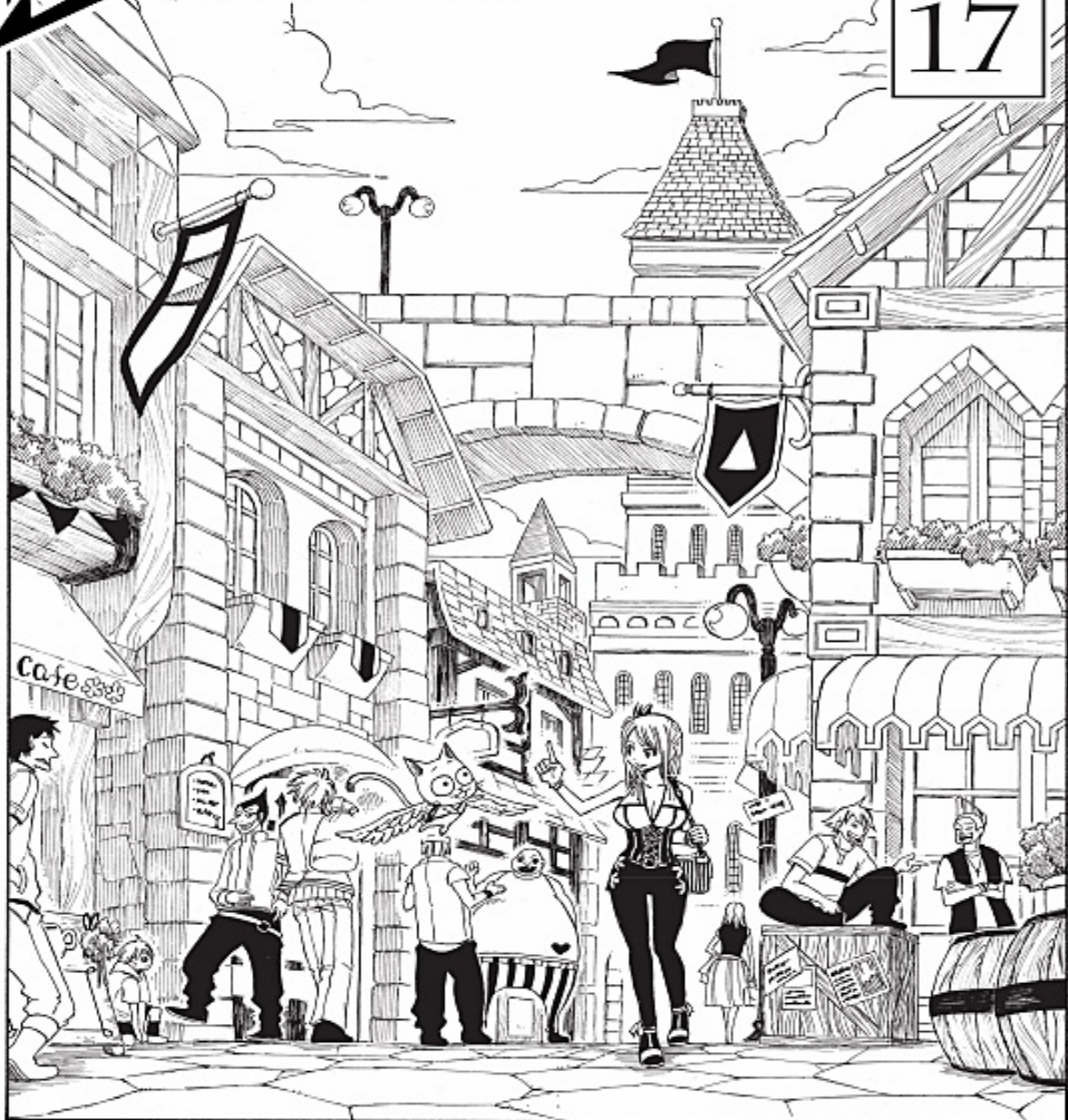


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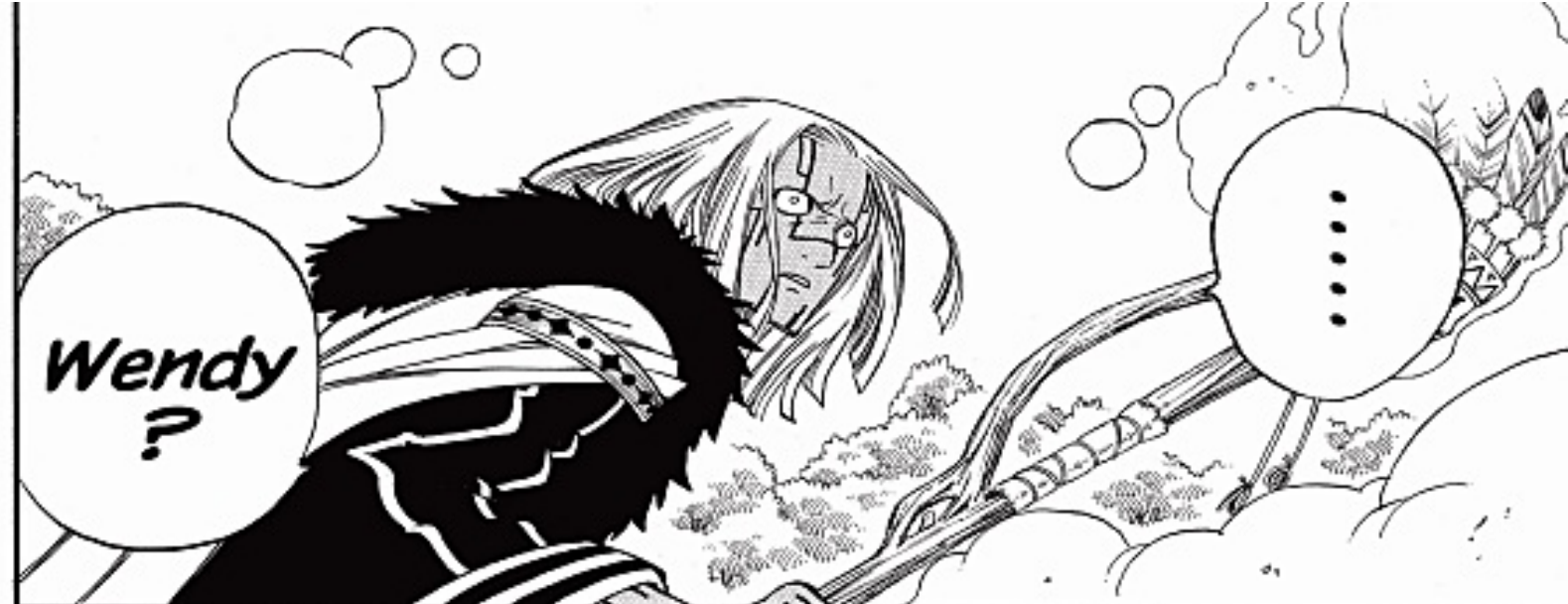
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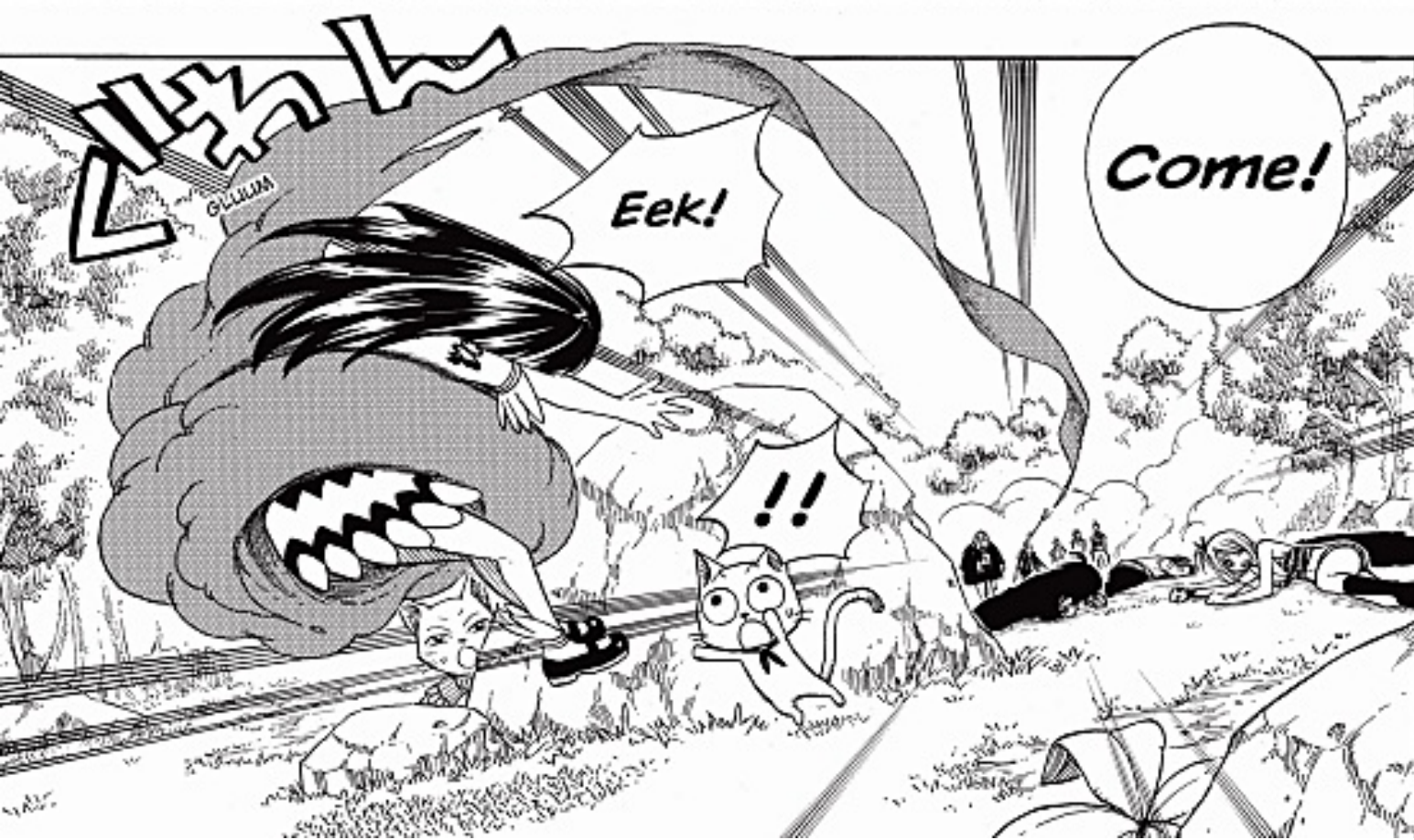


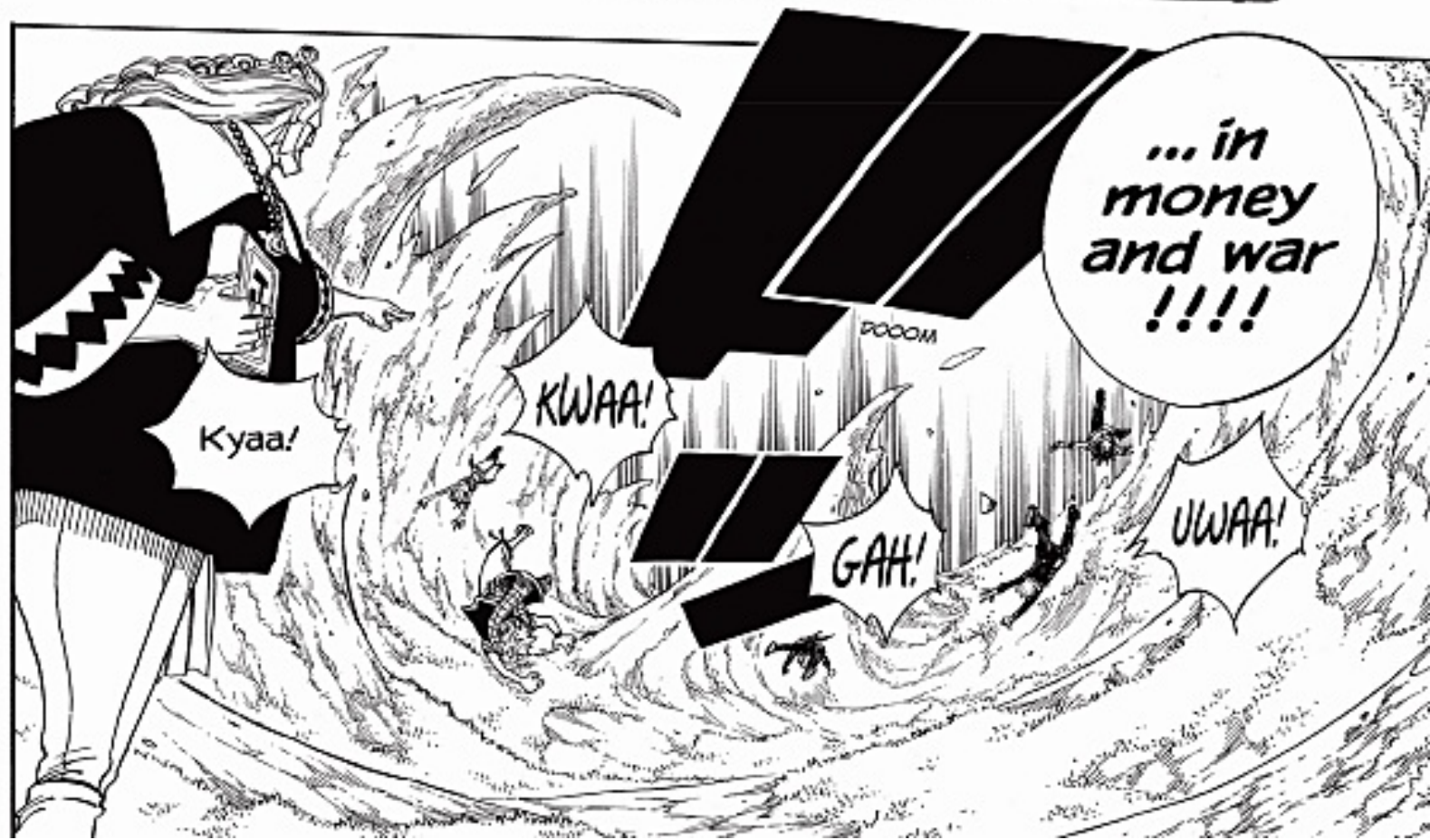
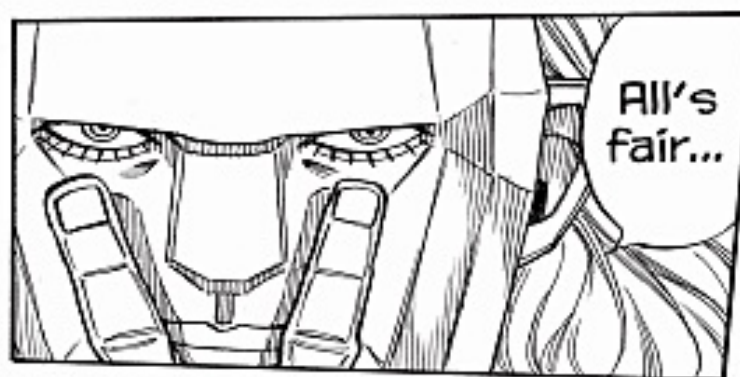
Chapter 135: Priestess of the Sky

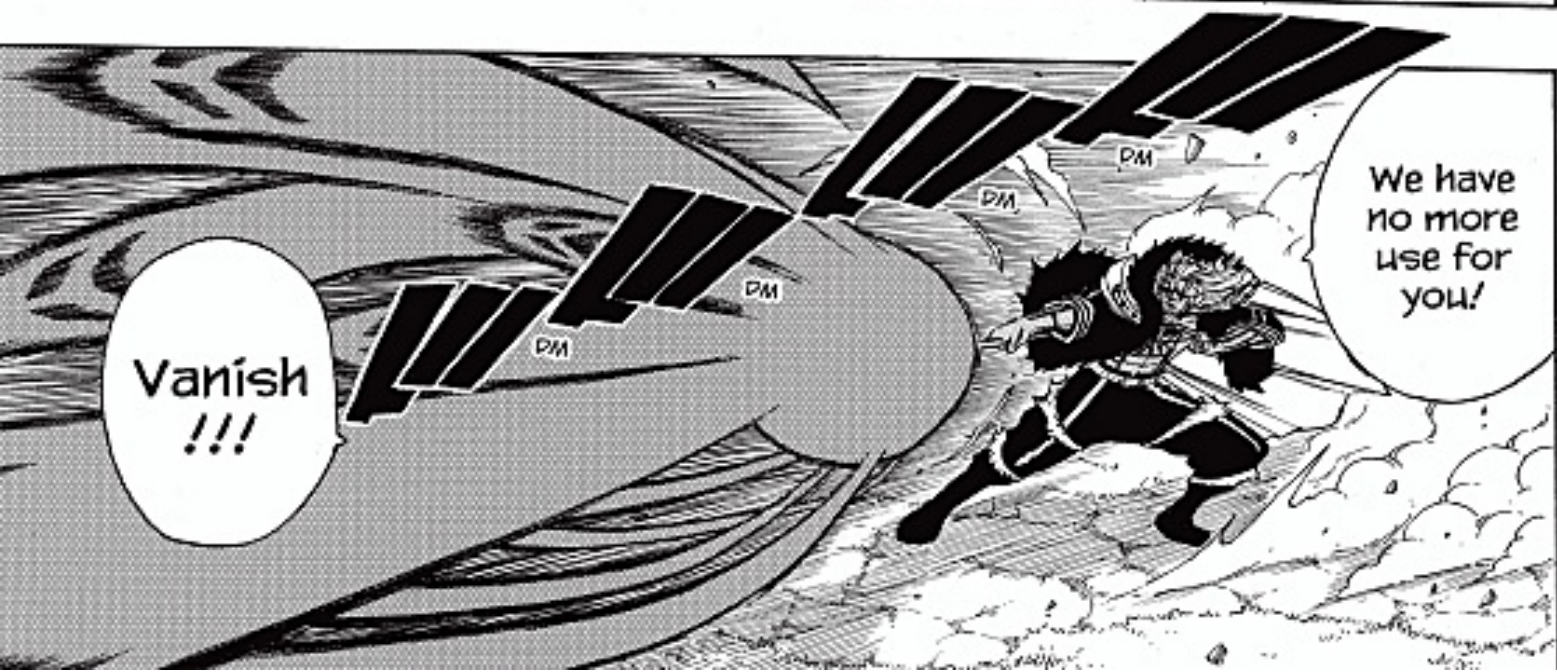
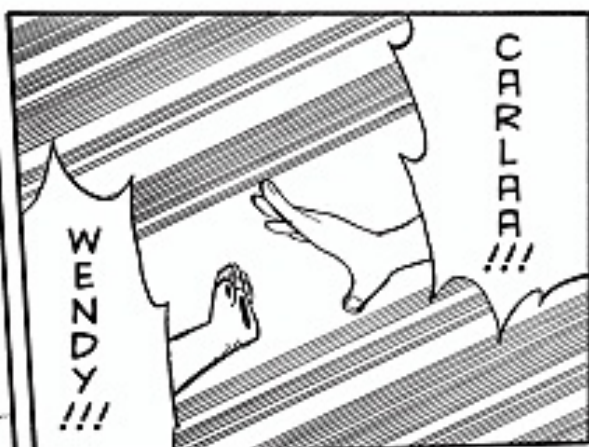
Remarks

In his youth, he learned Ice Make Magic with fellow student Gray under the tutelage of Ur. He was defeated by Gray in a battle to determine the fate of Ur's mortal enemy, Deliora. After that, he entered the guild Lamia Scale. While Gray uses his Ice Make to create inanimate objects like weapons, Lyon's specialty is making animated ice creatures. In the past, he would disregard Ur's teaching and use one-handed Ice Make, but later relearned two-handed Ice Make and has since progressed rapidly. He quickly rose to the level of guild ace and, accordingly, takes high-level jobs.



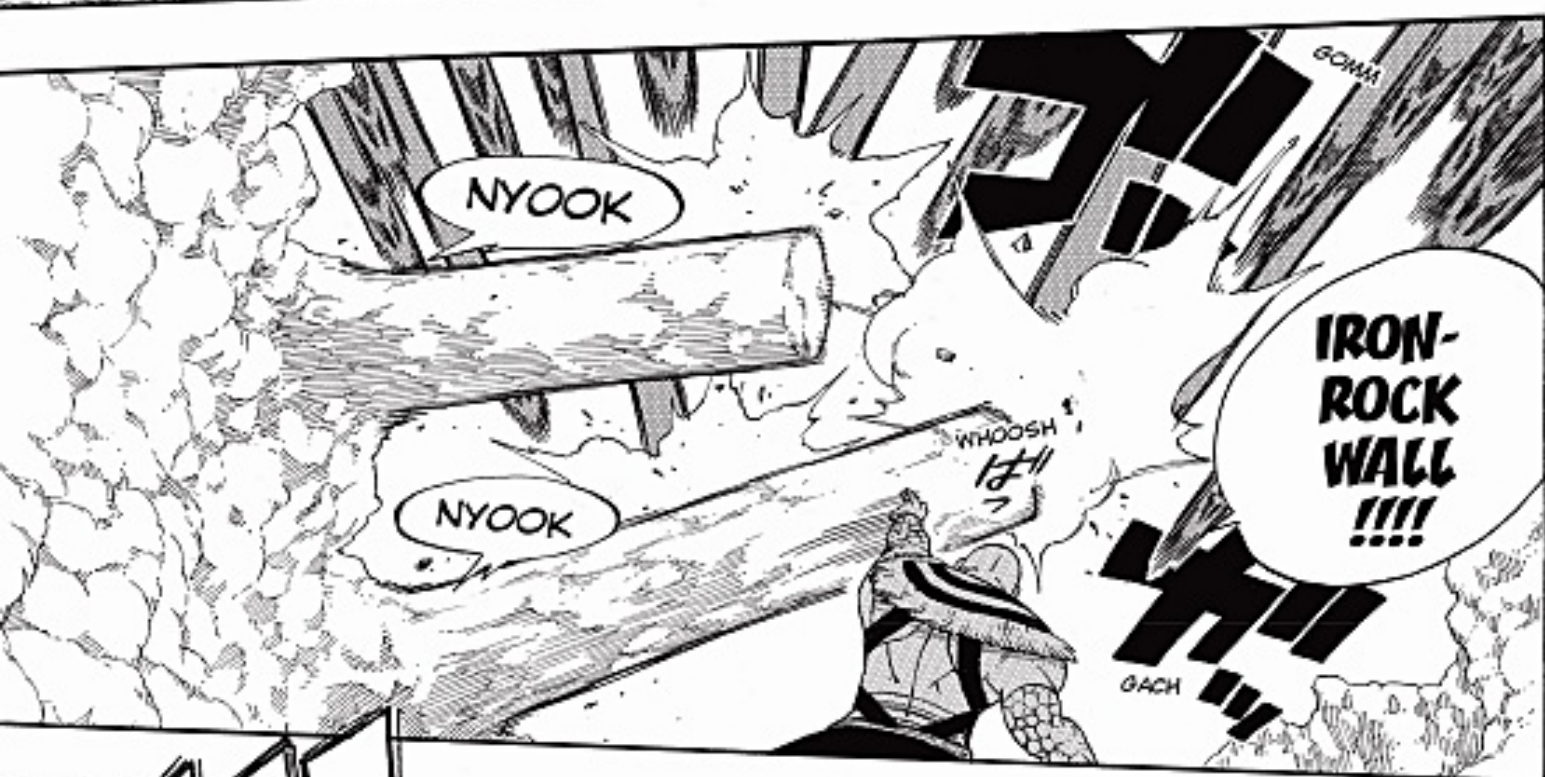




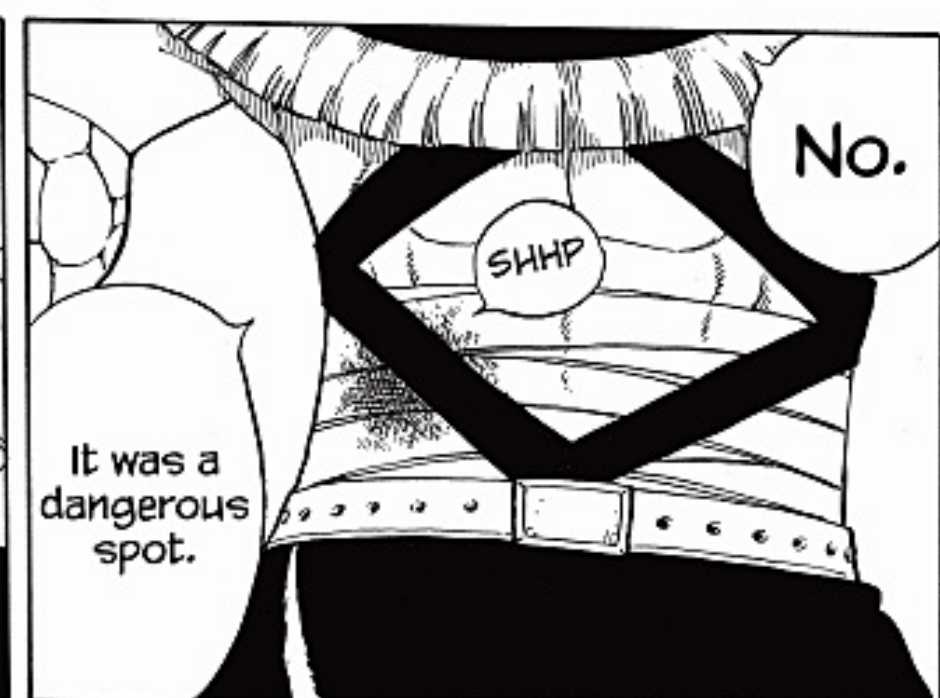
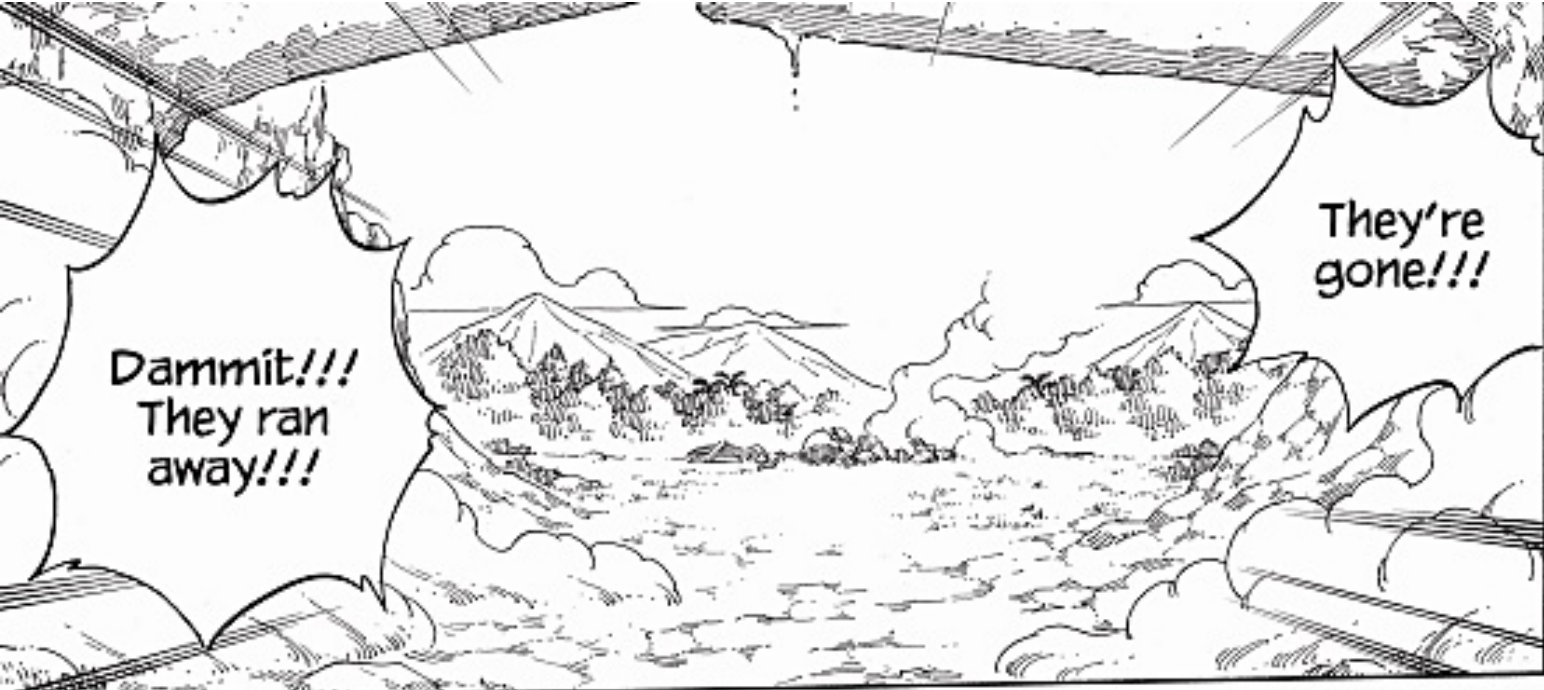




Everybody
down!!!









The Oración Seis fled
just as we were arriving.
They must have been
scared!

You're
falling
apart!

I was
able to fight
through it using
Ichiya-dono's
temporary "*Pain
Relieving
Perfume.*"



My pain...is
gradually fading
away...



It
smells
nice!



Everyone
partake of my
Pain Relieving
Perfume!



They took...
Wendy and
Happy...



They
changed
their name
for him
again...



*That's our
sensei for
you!*





...I think we all realize that this enemy is not one we should face without a plan.

In any case, while Wendy and the male cat are upsetting...

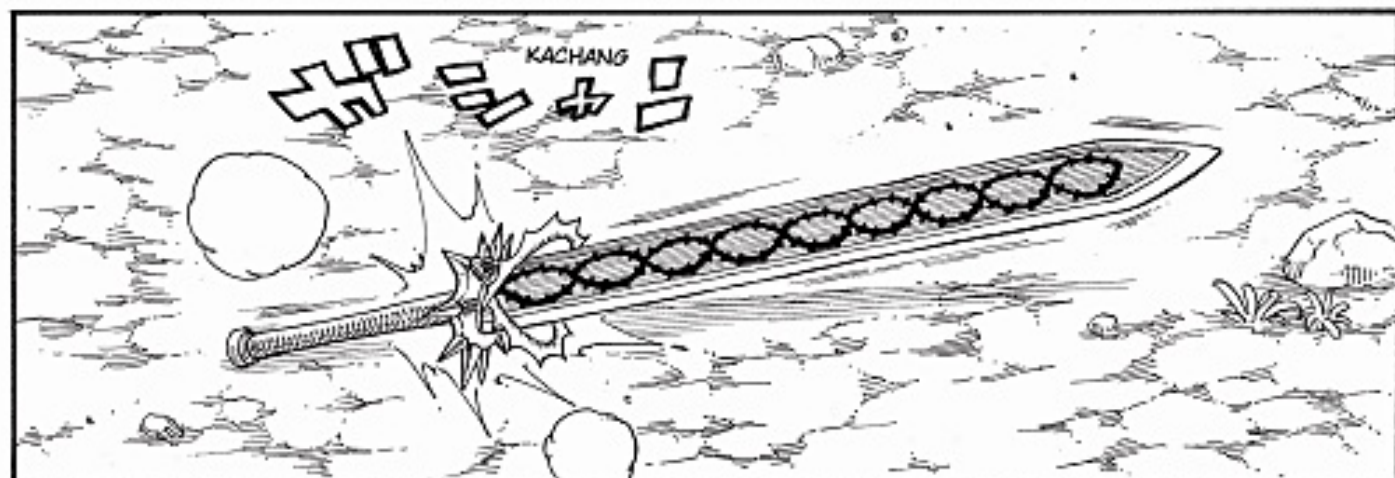
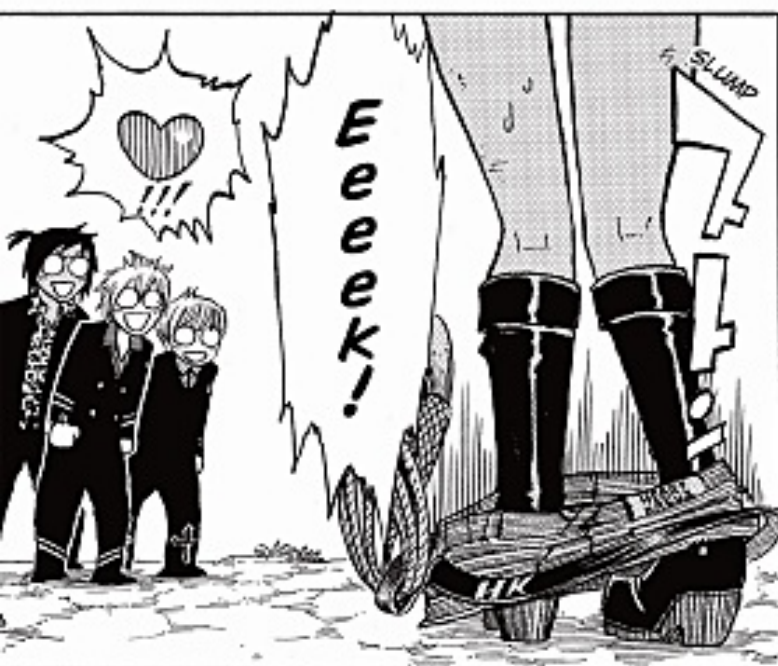


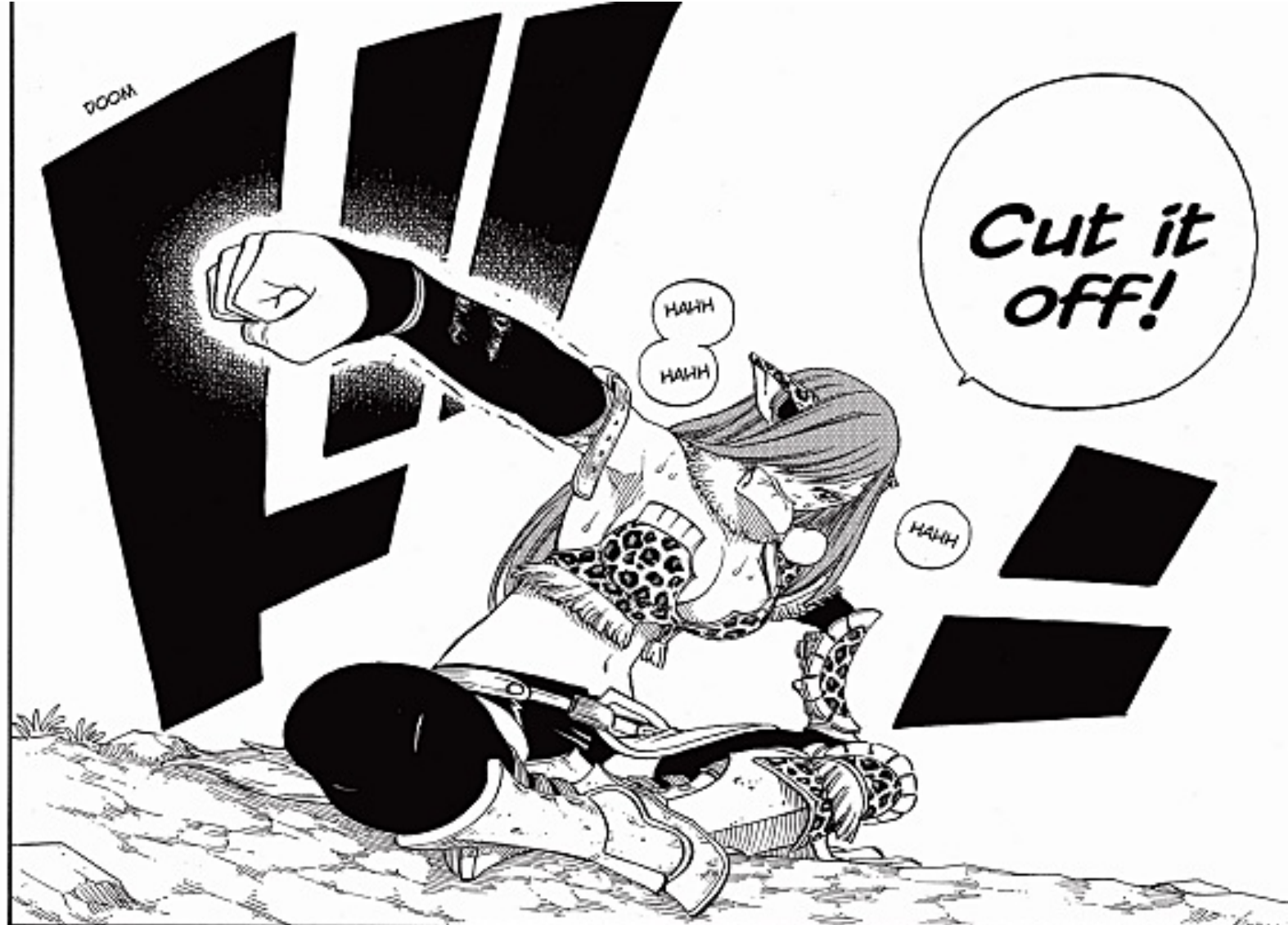
My Pain Relieving Perfume does not work on her...? Inconceivable!!!

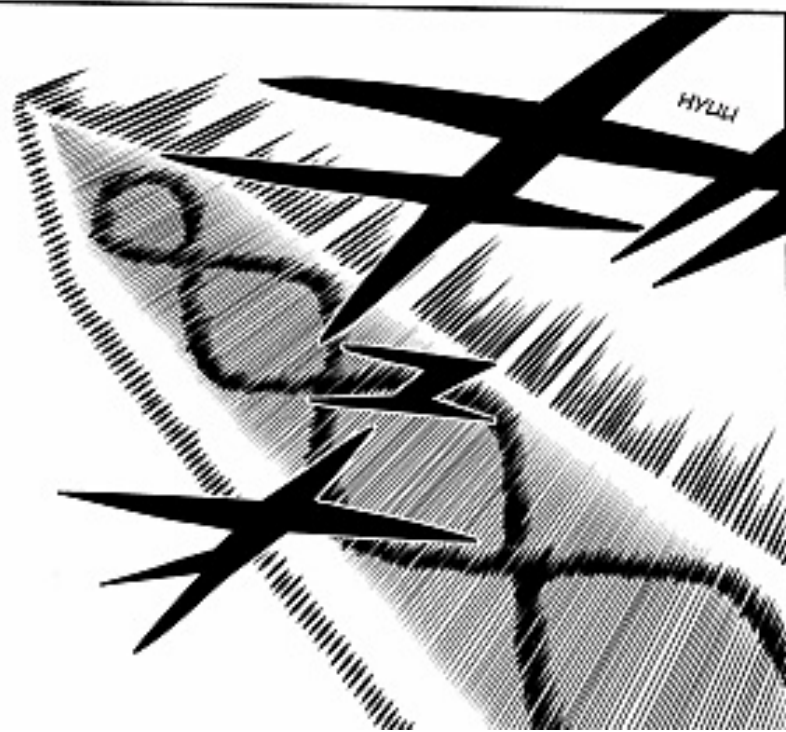
Um...

Urg...

Erza!
Hang in there!!!









I'm saying
there may be
another way, so
don't take the
first simple-
minded solution
that comes to
you!

You
cretin! Are
you saying that
her *arm* is more
important than
her *life*?

This is bad!!
If we don't do
something, the
poison in her
body...

Erza!!!

Ah...



Wendy
could save
her.

We should
combine our
strength
and save
Wendy!

And
maybe
that male
cat along
the way.

This is no
time for
squabbling
among
allies.



Healing
Magic...?
isn't that one
of the lost
magics?

Does
that have
anything to
do with this
"Priestess
of the Sky"
thing?

It isn't just
"anti-venom."
She can break
fevers, relieve
pain and heal
wounds.

U-Um...
But what
does that
leave
me to
do...?

That's
amaz-
ing!

So that girl
has some
anti-venom
magic?





Dragon
slayer?!



We'll save
the details
for later. Still,
there isn't
much more
you need to
know.

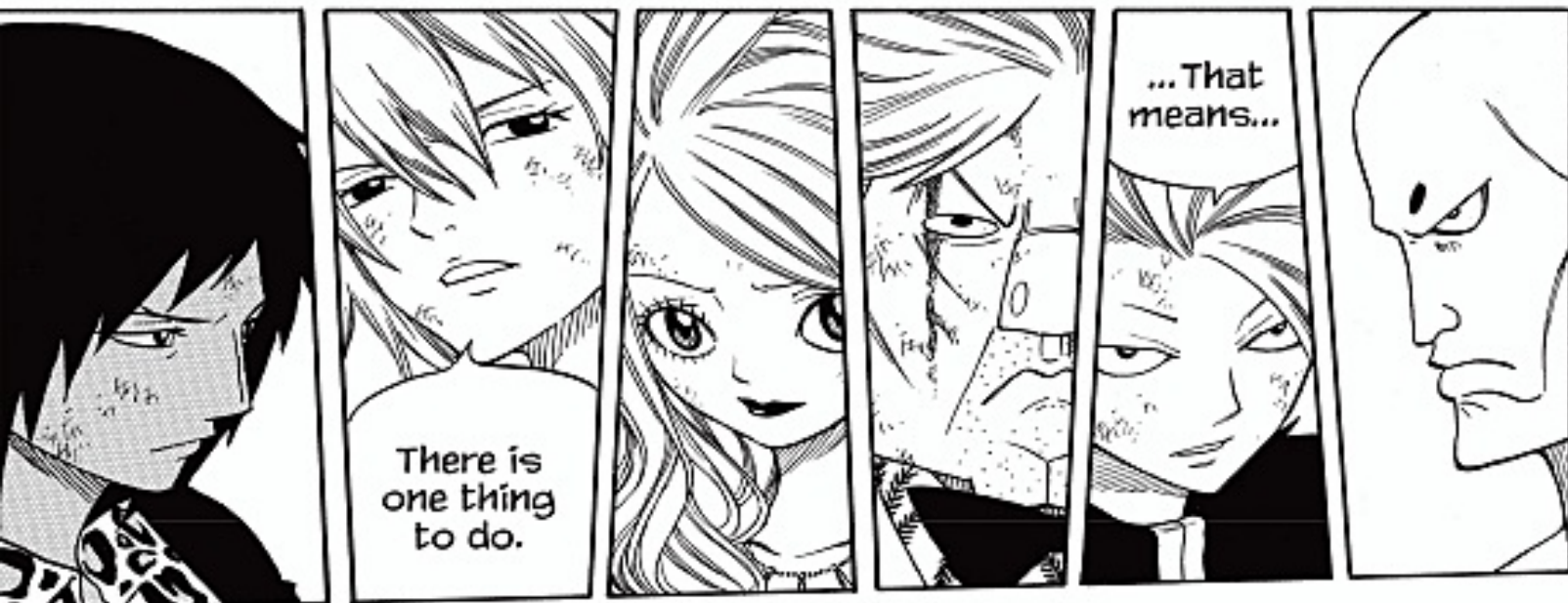
**She is a
sky dragon
slayer.**

**Sky
Dragon
Wendy.**



They need
Wendy too, but
I don't know
why.

Right
now, we need
Wendy.



There is
one thing
to do.

...That
means...



Right
!!!!

And
Happy's!

For Erza's
sake.

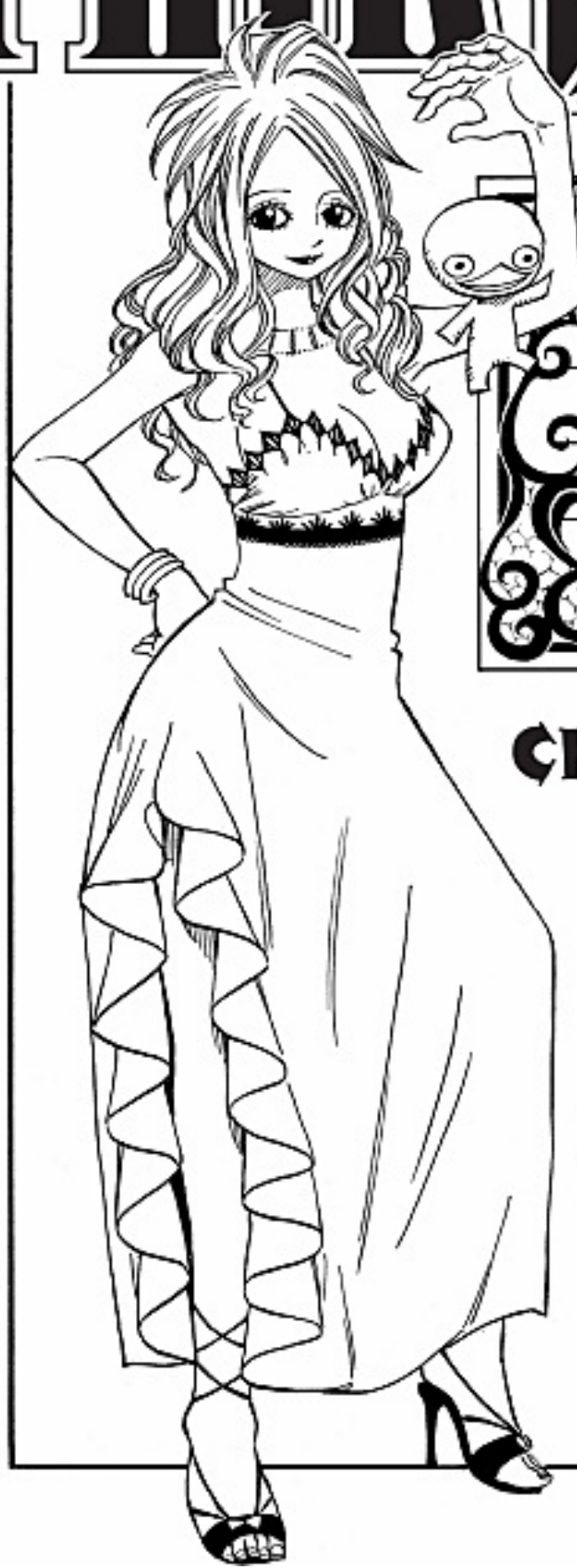
We must
rescue
Wendy-san.

**Let's
go
!!!!**

**Yes
!!!!**

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LAMIA SCALE

Name: Sherry Blendy

Age: 17

Magic: Doll Attack Magic

Likes: Love (her teacher)

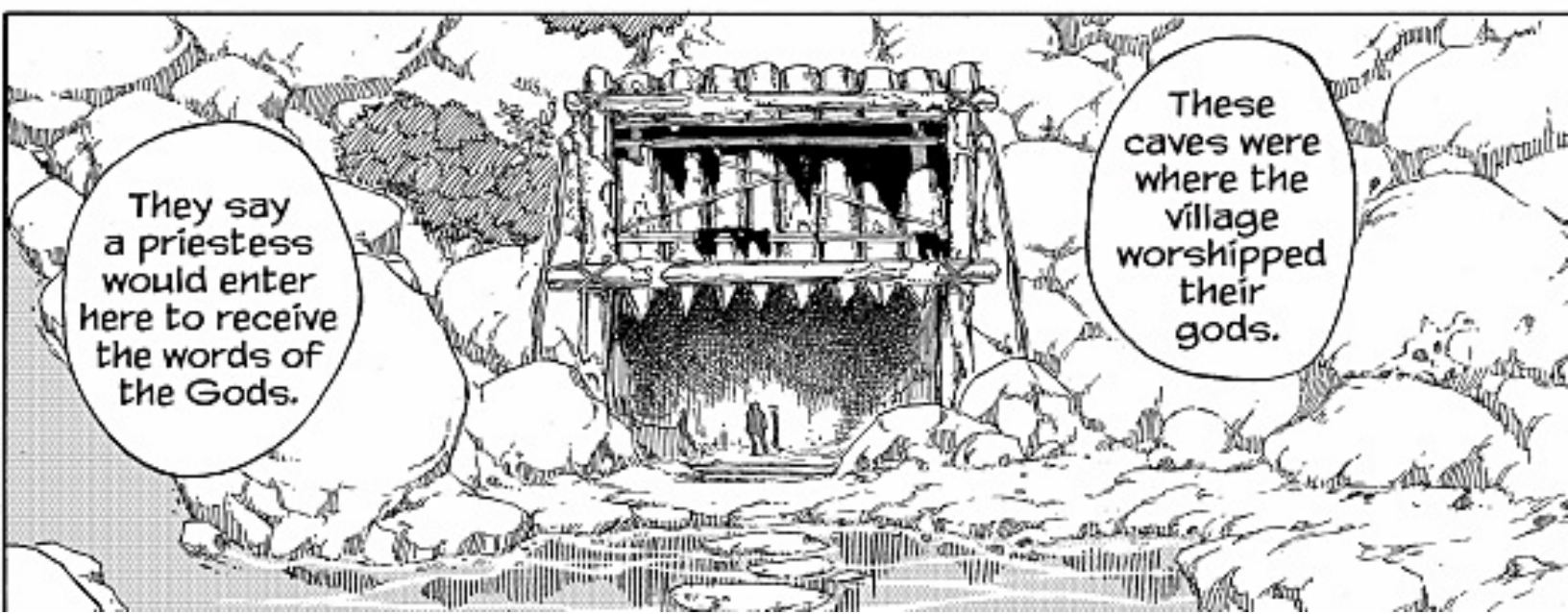
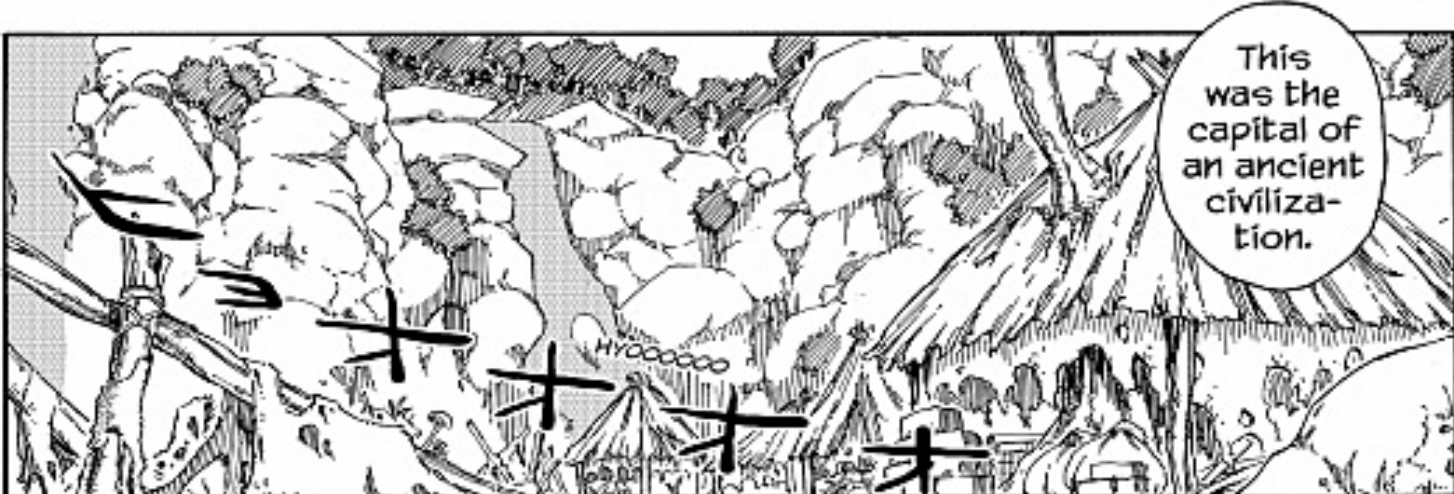
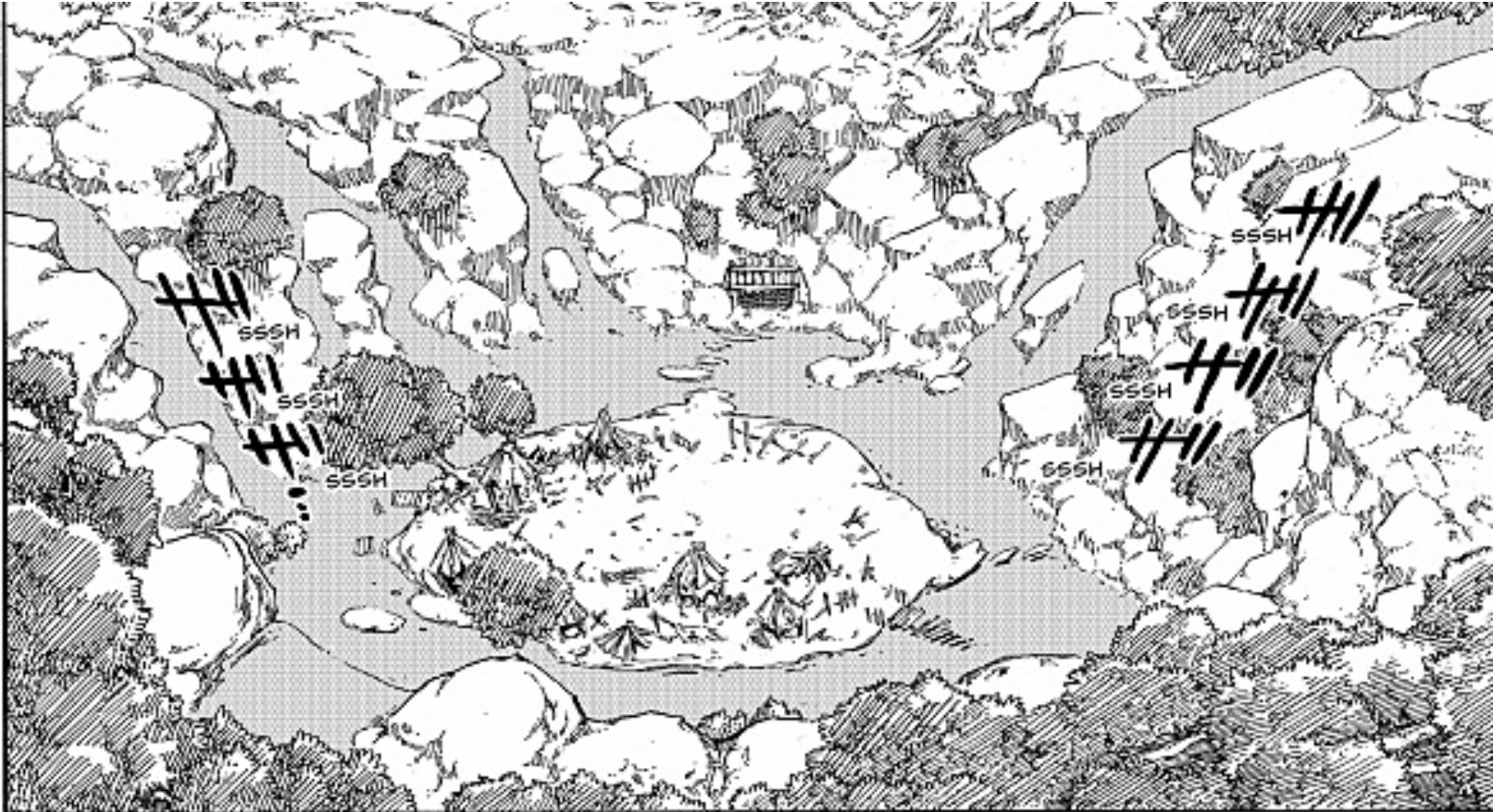
Dislikes: Water



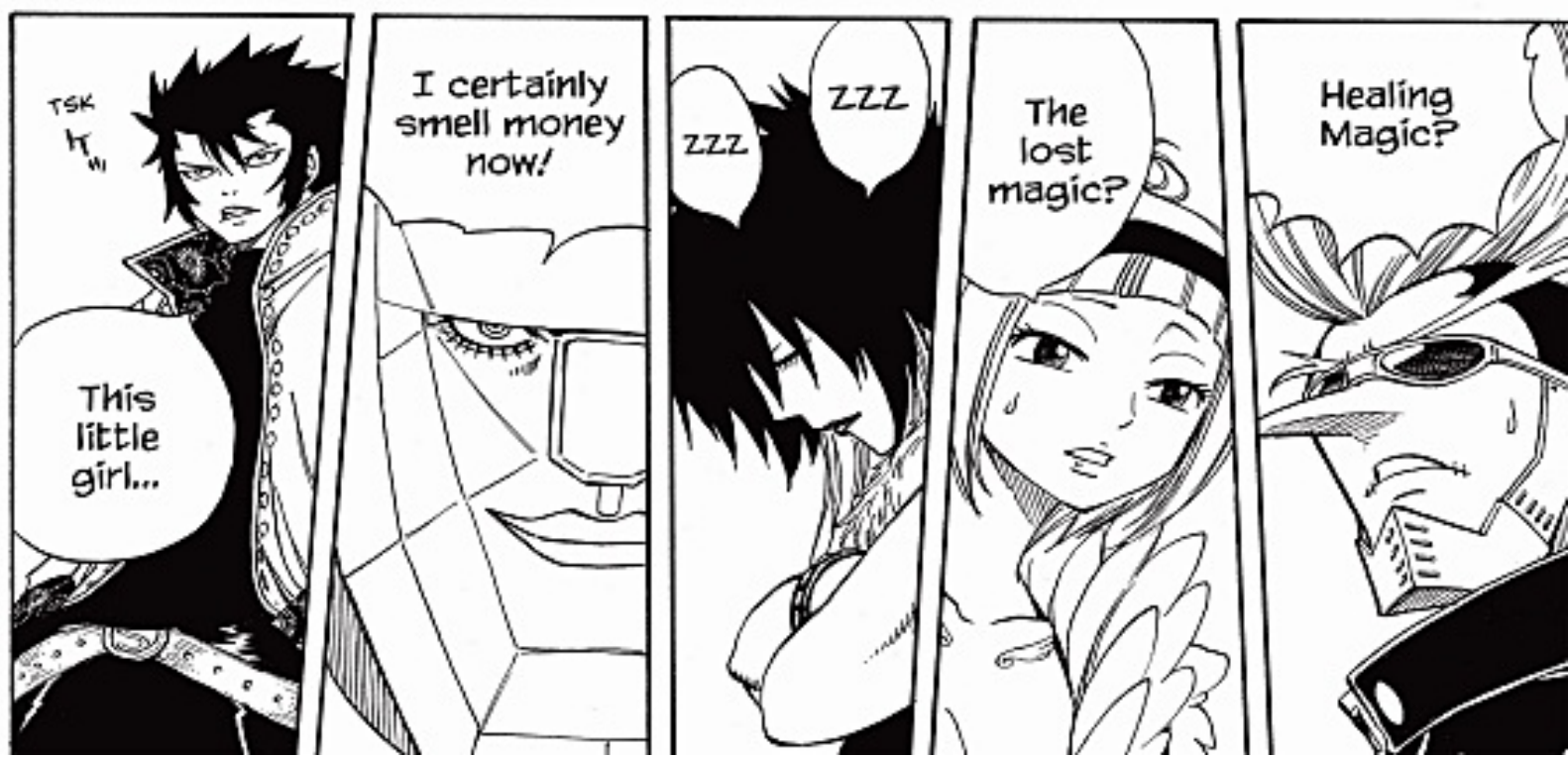
Chapter 136: Coffin

Remarks

She holds a grudge against Deliora, who murdered both her parents when she was very young. At one point, she left Lamia Scale to follow Lyon in an attempt to take down the demon. After that, she returned to Lamia Scale and started to take on jobs in earnest. Her magic is Doll Attack Magic, with which she can manipulate anything non-human: trees, rocks, even Celestial Spirits. She claims that when she turned seventeen, she gave herself something of an attitude makeover.









We'll
resurrect
him!

Exactly!



You
can't
mean
...?!!



Yes,
you
will.

I
guaran-
tee it.



I-I'm...not
going to do
anything
to help bad
people like
you!!!

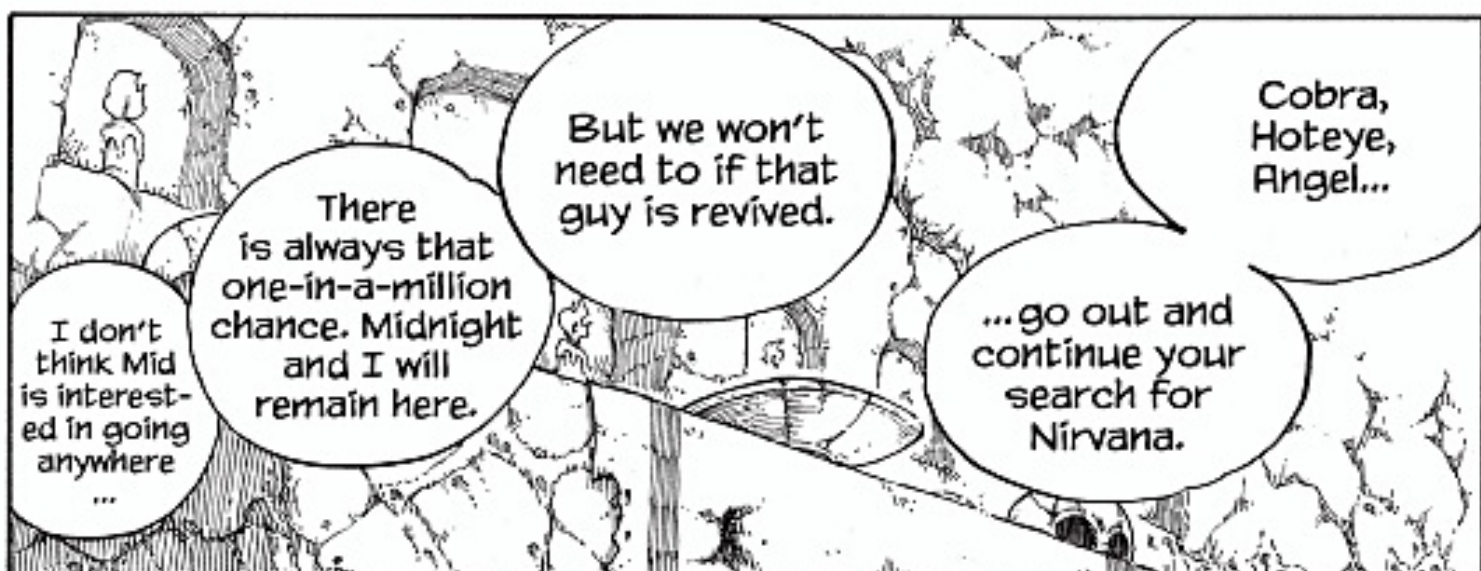
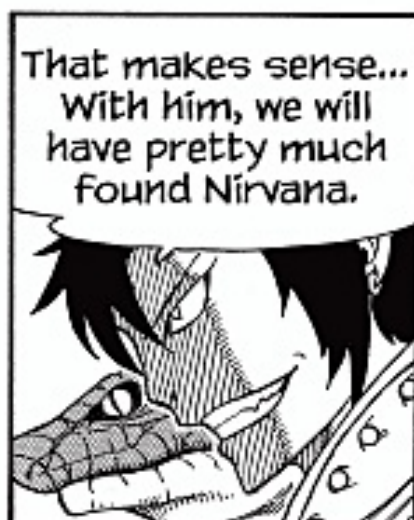


You
certainly
will...

...revive
him.



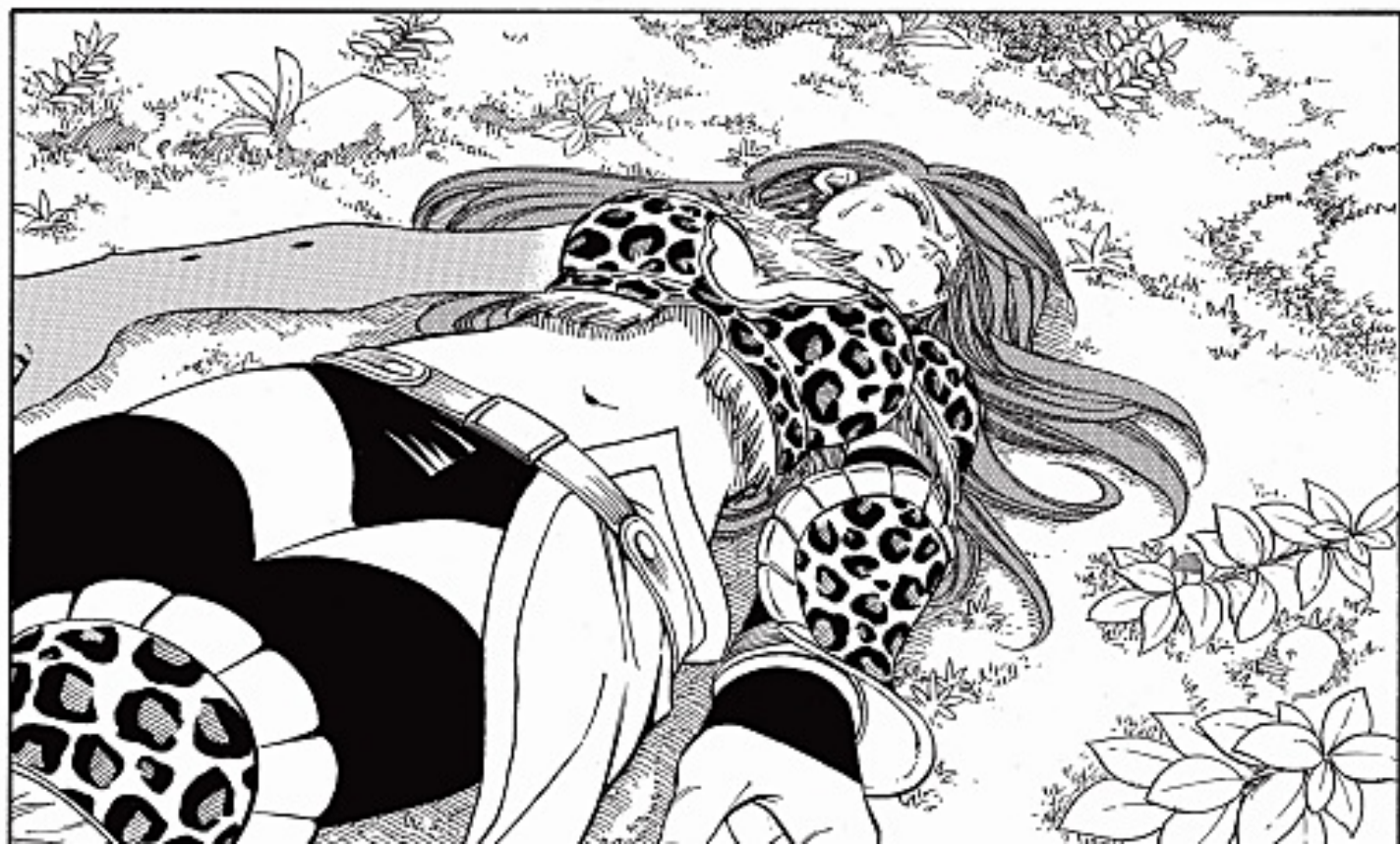
URRRR...

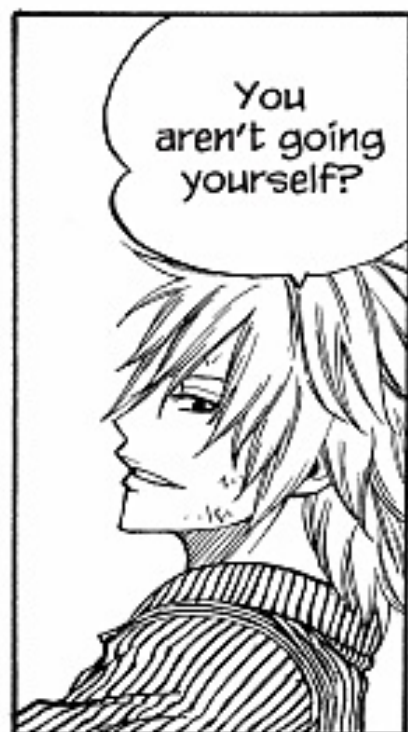




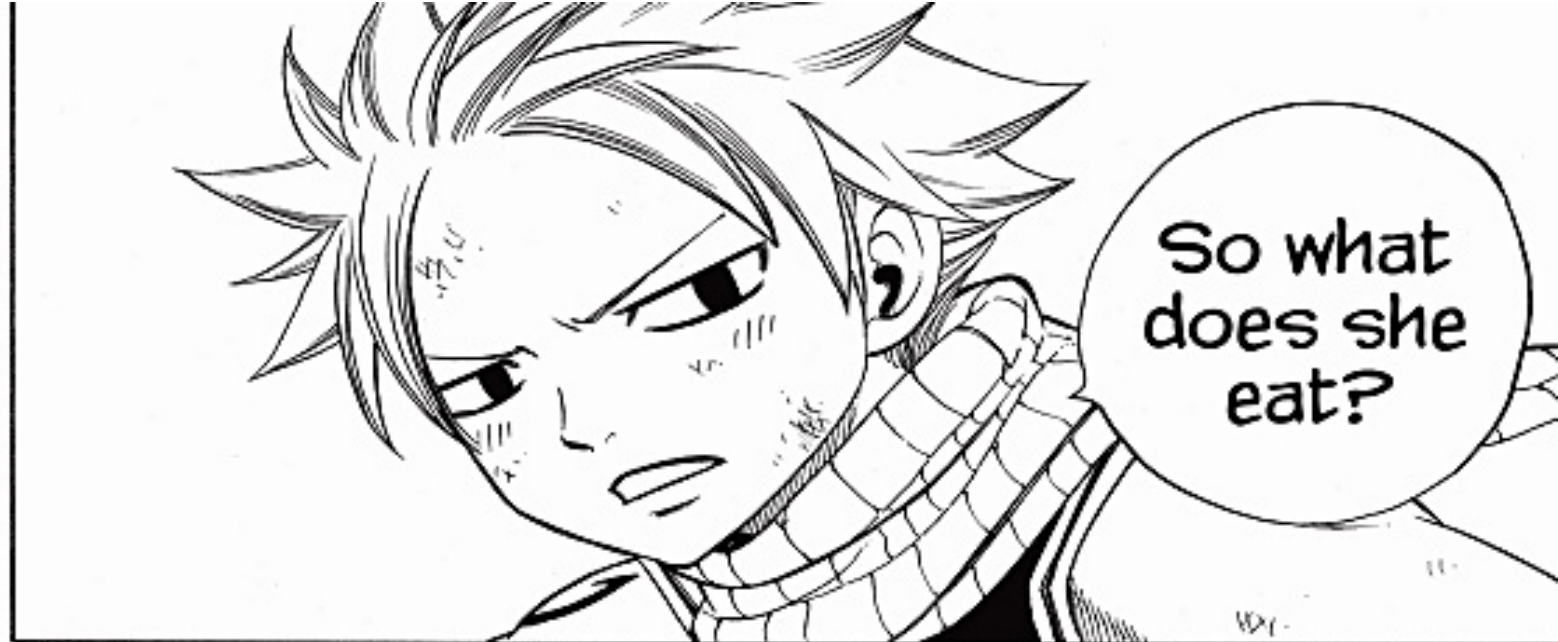
... and
reverses
them.

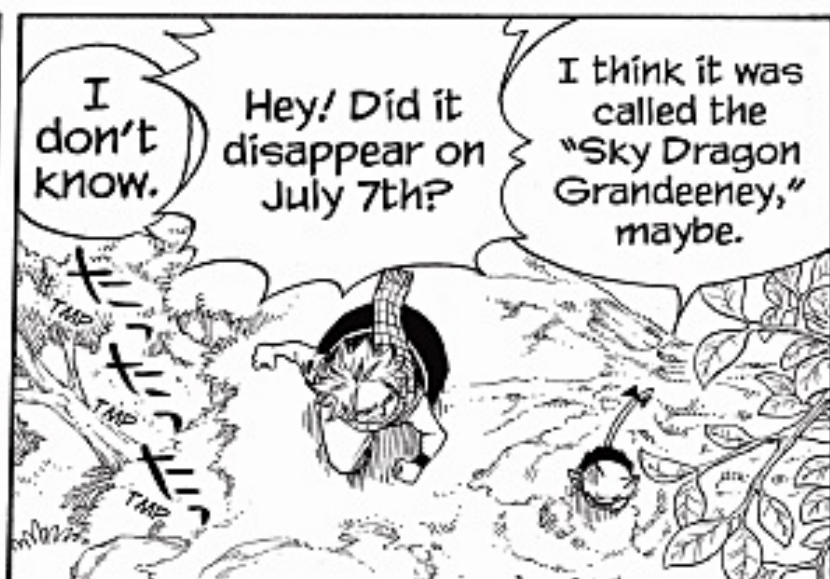
it takes
darkness
and light
...

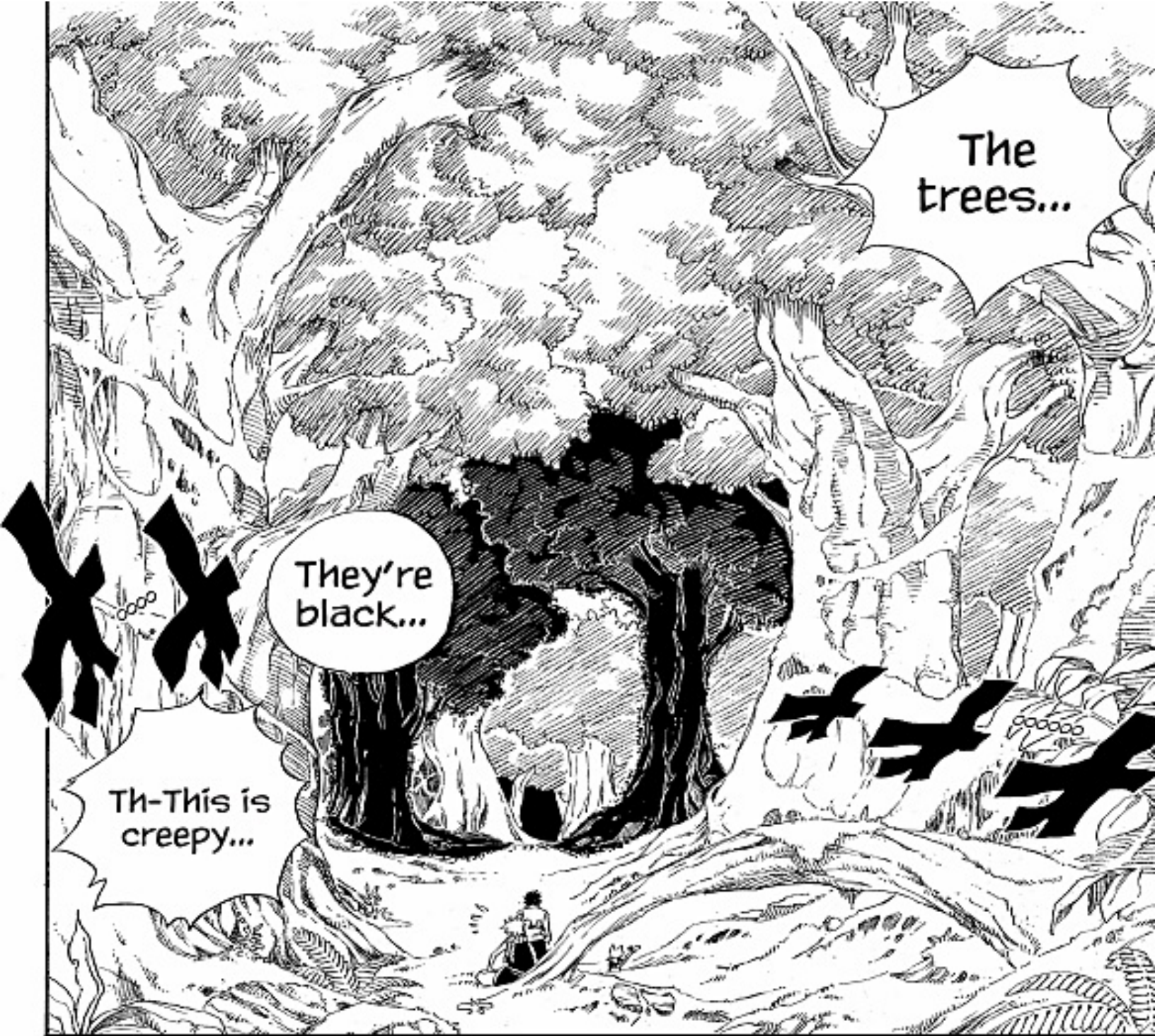












The
trees...

They're
black...

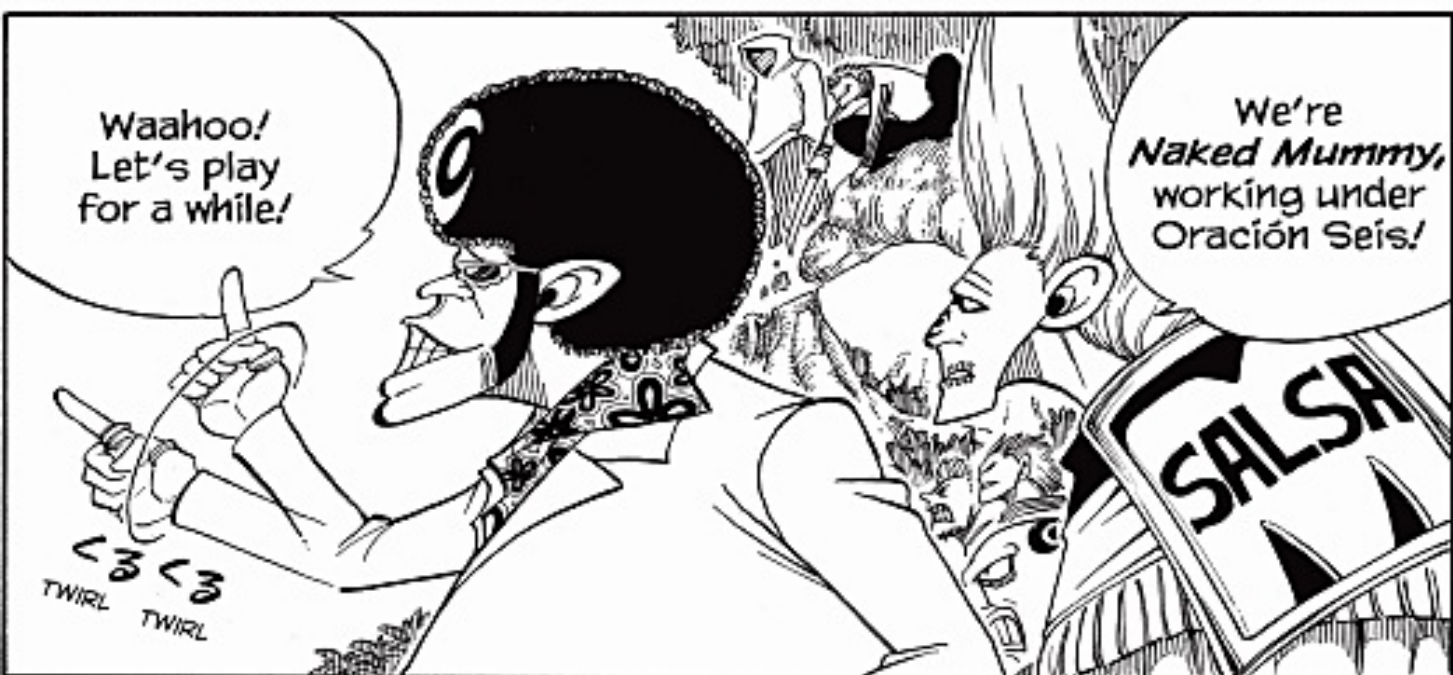
Th-This is
creepy...

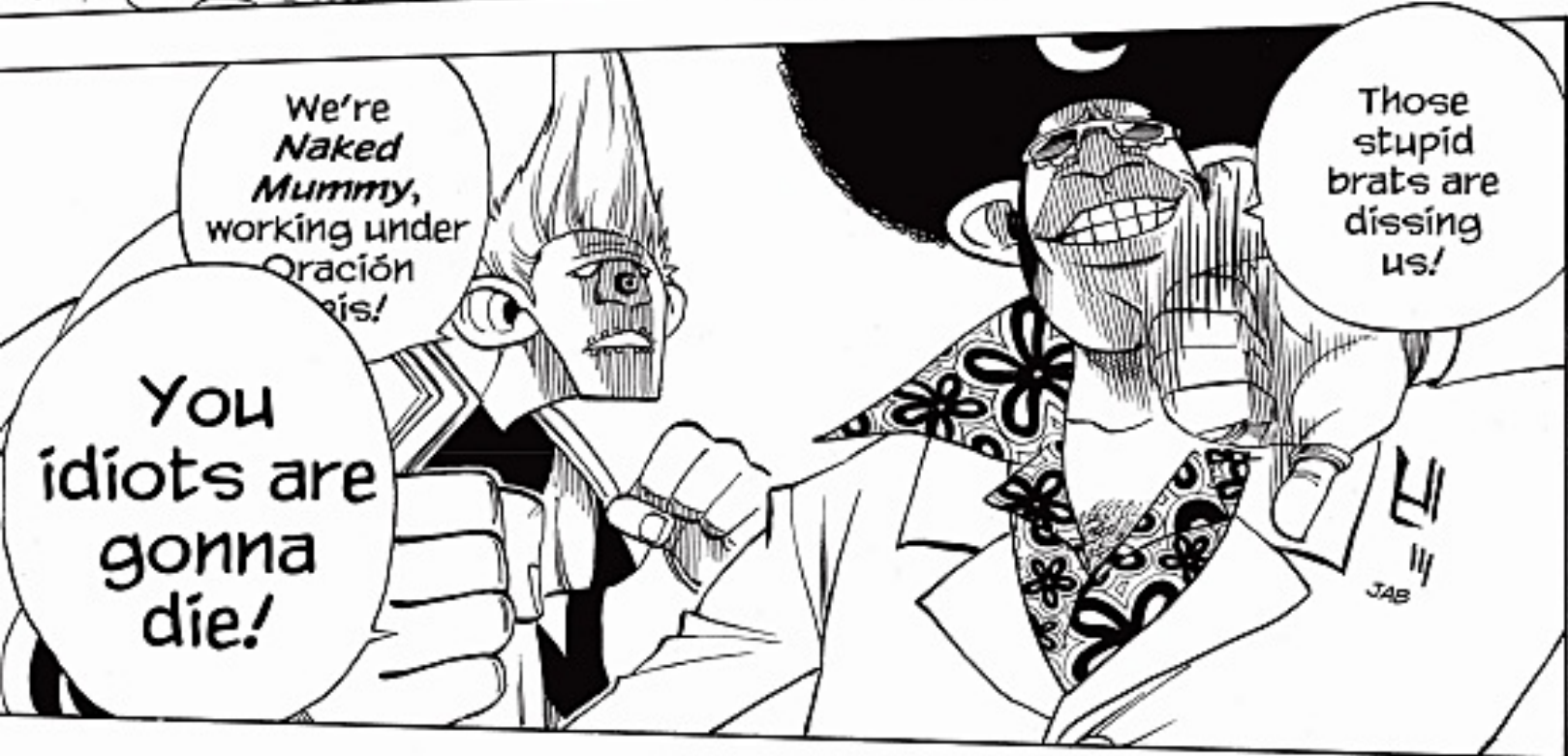


Who
?!!

Waahoo! It's such
a powerful magic
that the earth
itself is dying, *Big
Brother Gatô!*

They say it's
from the influence
of Nirvana,
*Big Brother
Zatô.*

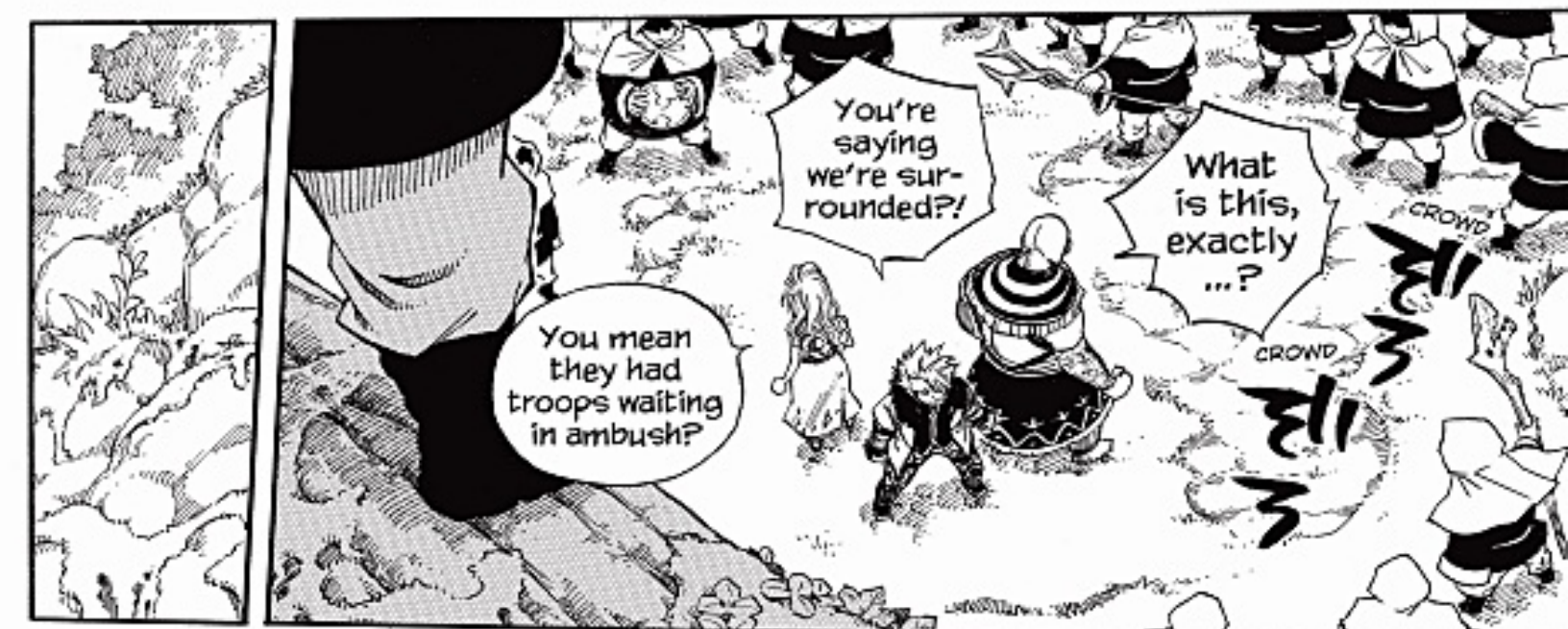






What are *they* doing in a place like this...?!

Black Unicorn ?!!



You're saying we're surrounded?!

You mean they had troops waiting in ambush?

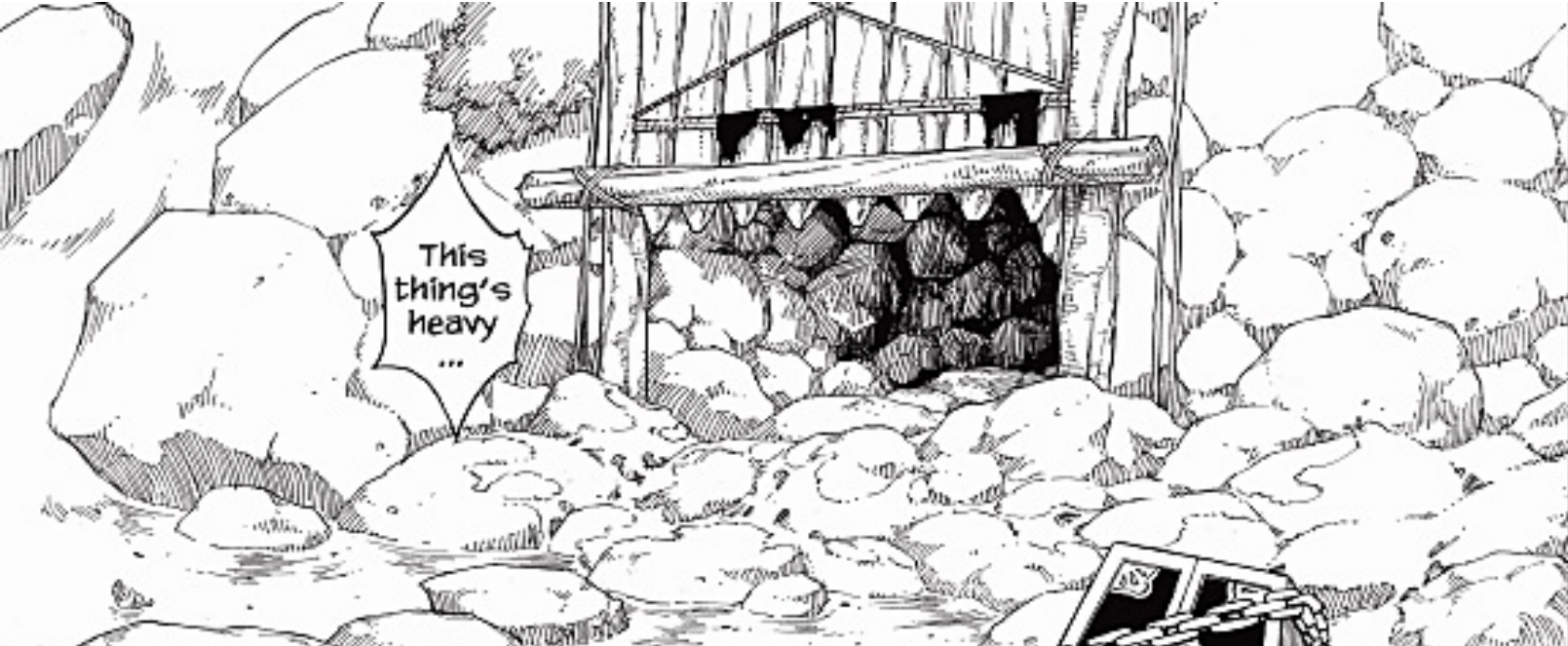
What is this, exactly ...?



I-I mean, I'm not anybody you should attack... Meeeen!

I-I'm just a lost man... who got... separated from his group...

Wait ...









In other words, he is a man who knows where Nirvana is.

The man is named **Jellal!**

At one time, he even infiltrated the Magic Council.



He was bathed in Ethernanos and turned out this way.

You **know** him?!

Jellal...

Wha? Whaa?! Jellal...?!



You owe him... your *life*, right?

You're the only one who can bring him back.

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LAMIA SCALE

Name: Jura Neekis

Age: 27

Magic: Master of All Earth Magics

Likes:
His guild

Dislikes:
Green peas



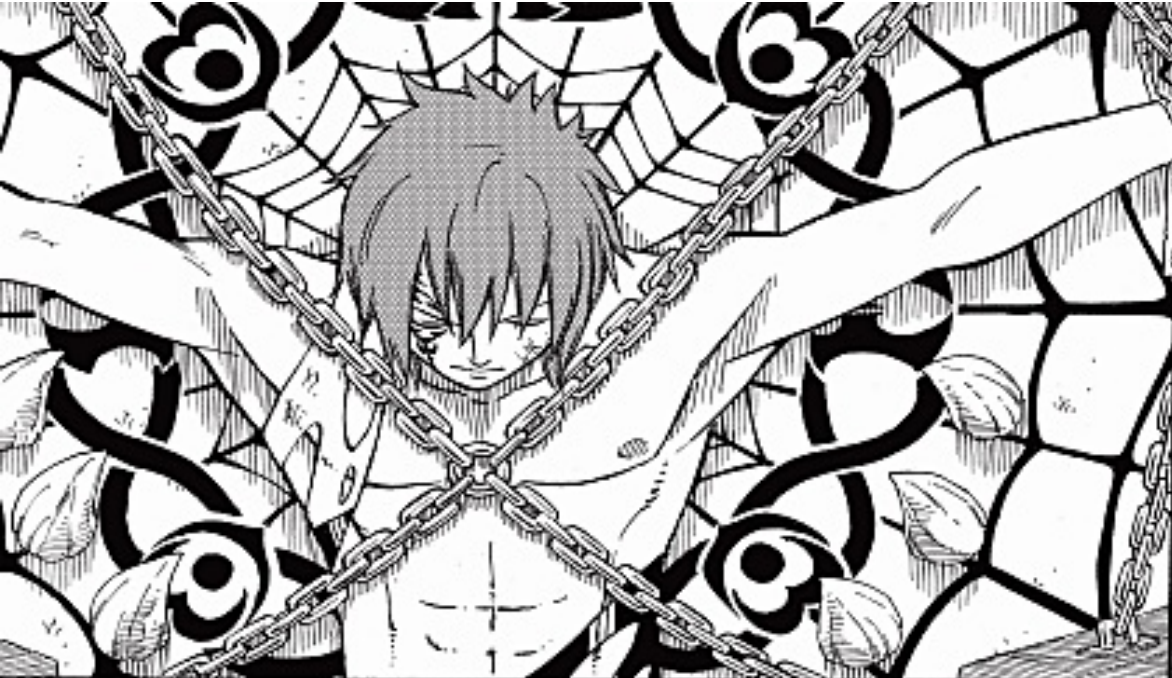
Remarks

Jura is considered the ace of the Lamia Scale guild and one of the ten wizard saints (those judged to be the ten best wizards on the continent). He is extremely powerful in Earth-type Magics; because he can take the softest sand and change it into iron-hard rock, he has been given the name Iron Rock Jura. He loves his guild and looks after its members, including Lyon and Sherry. Once while snacking on green peas as a child, he accidentally popped a green caterpillar into his mouth and can no longer stomach green peas.









He
used the
council
to fire
Etherion at
us!

Know
him?! He
was the
guy who
tried to
murder
Erza!



You
know him,
Happy?

Jellal...
You mean
that
Jellal?



No!!! You
mustn't, for
any reason,
bring that
guy back
!!!



But...
to you,
he's your
savior.

That guy's a
ghost who was
possessed by
a ghost. An
insane
idealist.



So
he's still
alive...

I guess
that was
true,
huh...?





OWW!

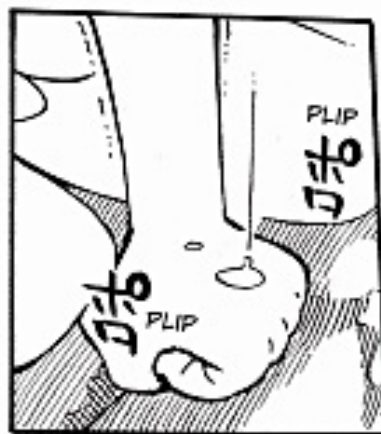


**No,
don't
!!!!**

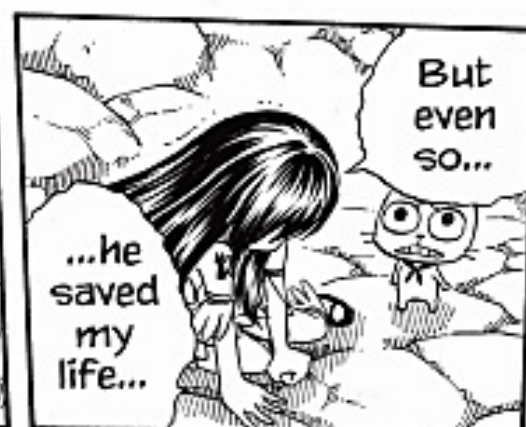


It should
be easy
for you!

Revive
him!



PLIP



...he
saved
my
life...

But
even
so...



Jellal is a
bad man!!!
And he'll
just take
Nirvana for
himself
anyway!



I loved him...

PLIP

PLIP

PLIP



Jellal would never do anything like that!!!

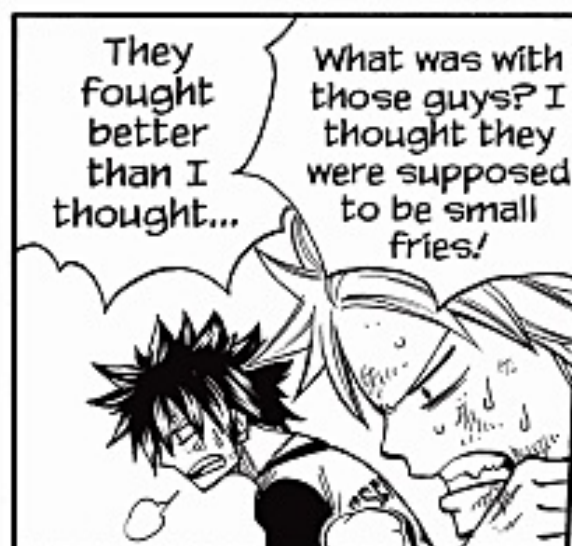
Somebody must have been manipulating him! I'm sure of it!!!

What are you saying?! We were right there...

I heard... that he did some bad things, but I don't believe it...



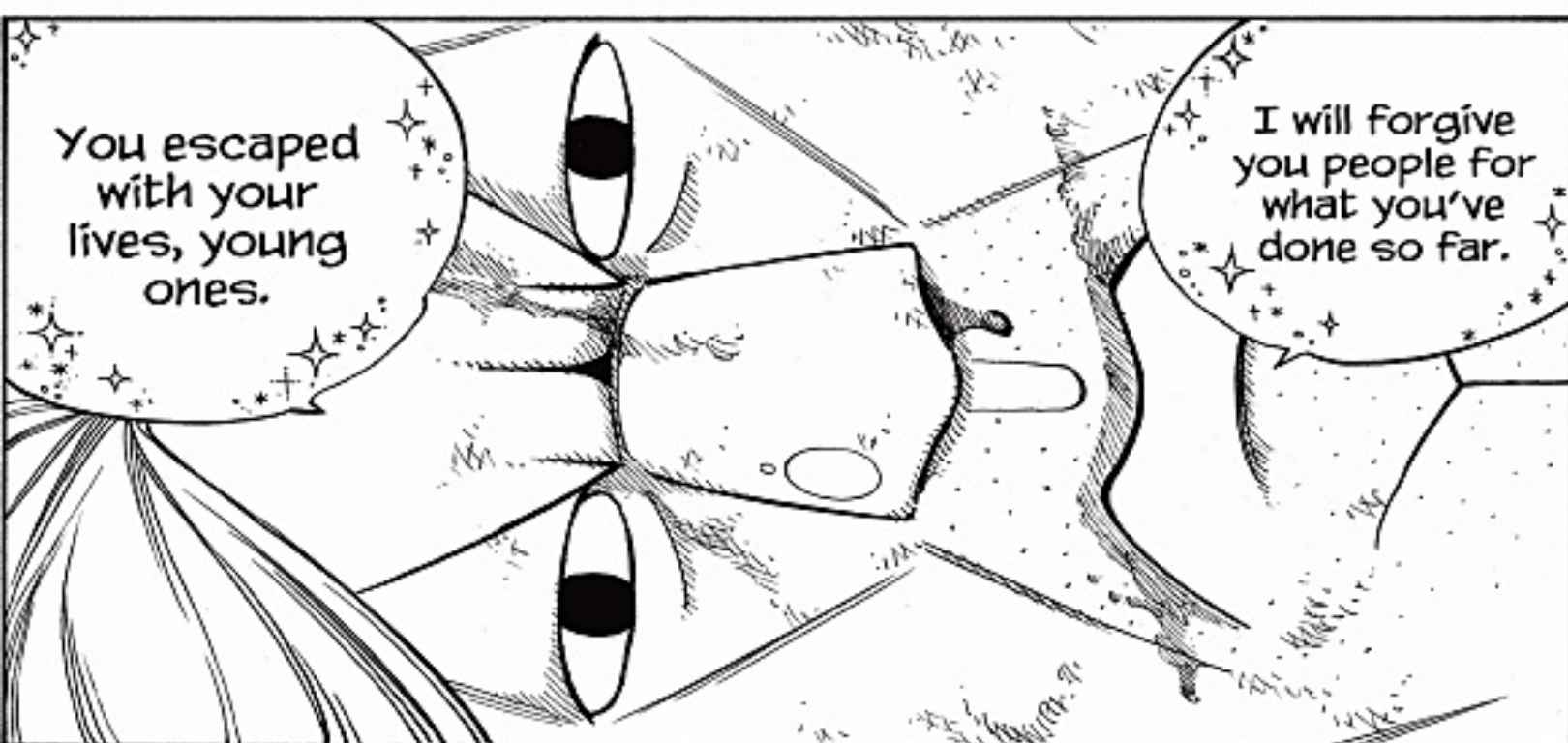
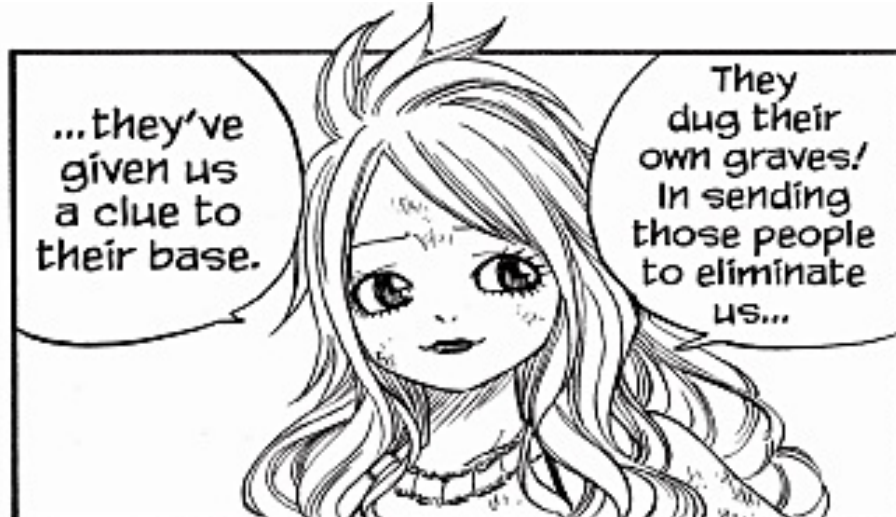




What did you expect?!! It was an entire guild!!!









**So
please,
spare
me!!!!**

You know,
you're an
annoying old
guy!

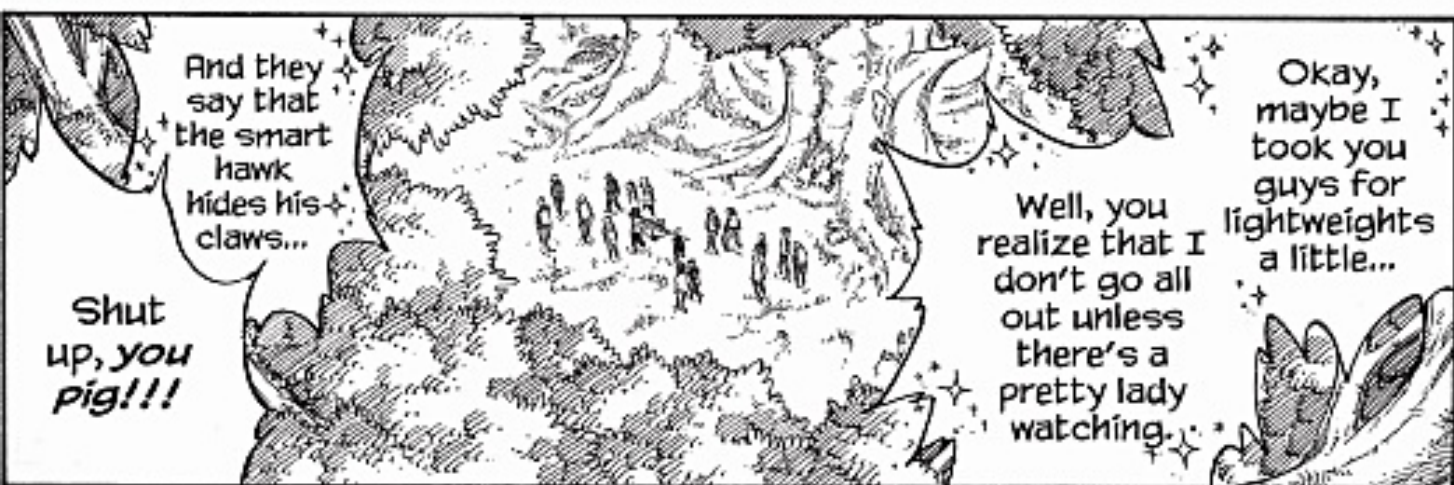
I...
I'm only
twenty-nine
years old
!!!

Shaddap!



Why don't one
of you take me
on in a one-on-
one fair fight!
That's what
young people
do, right?!

I know!!
Let's do
this!!! And
I'll go all
out too!



And they
say that
the smart
hawk
hides his
claws...

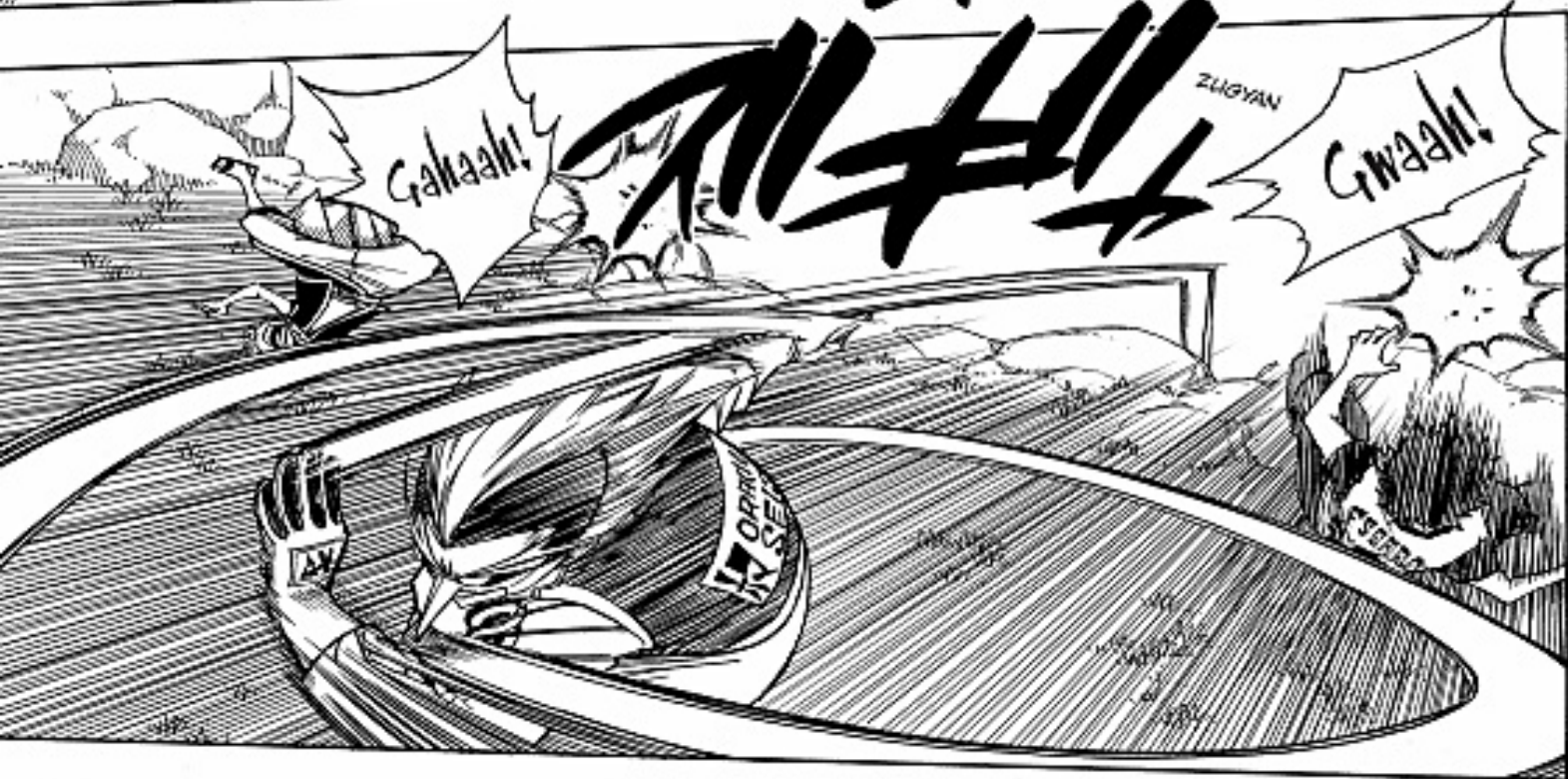
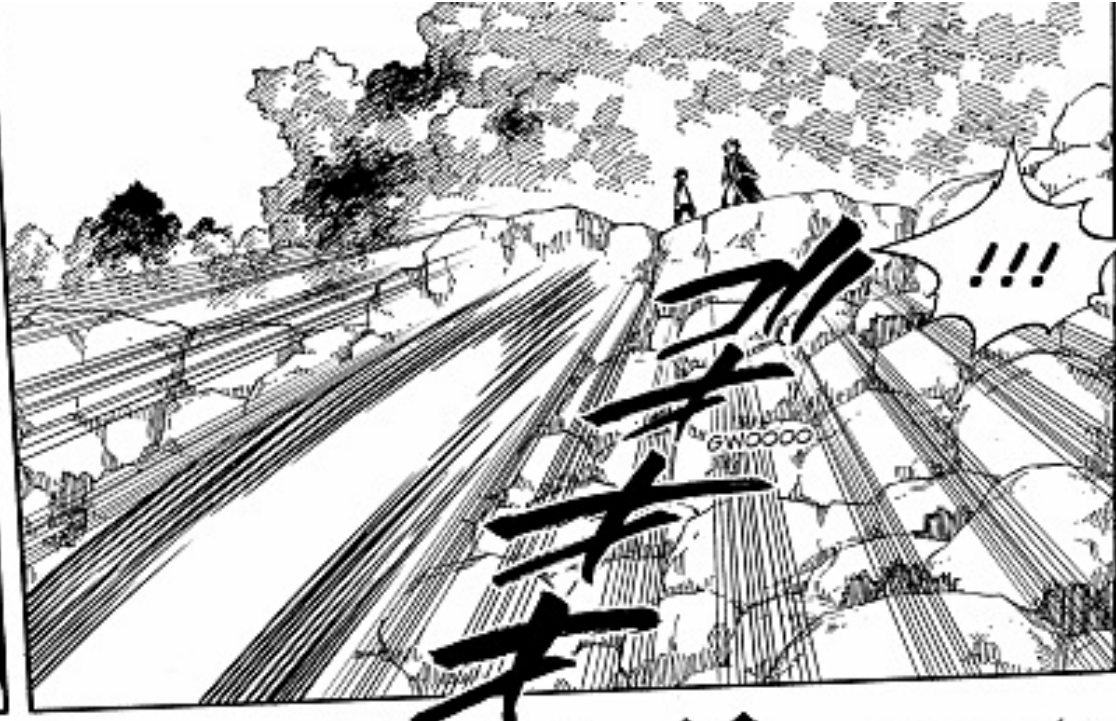
**Shut
up, you
pig!!!**

Well, you
realize that I
don't go all
out unless
there's a
pretty lady
watching.

Okay,
maybe I
took you
guys for
lightweights
a little...





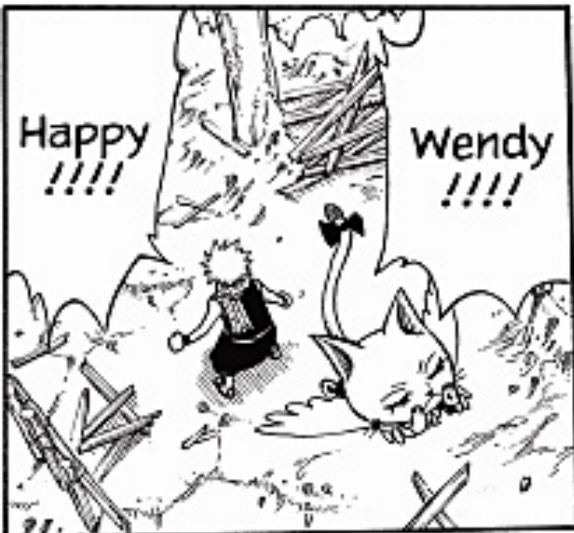


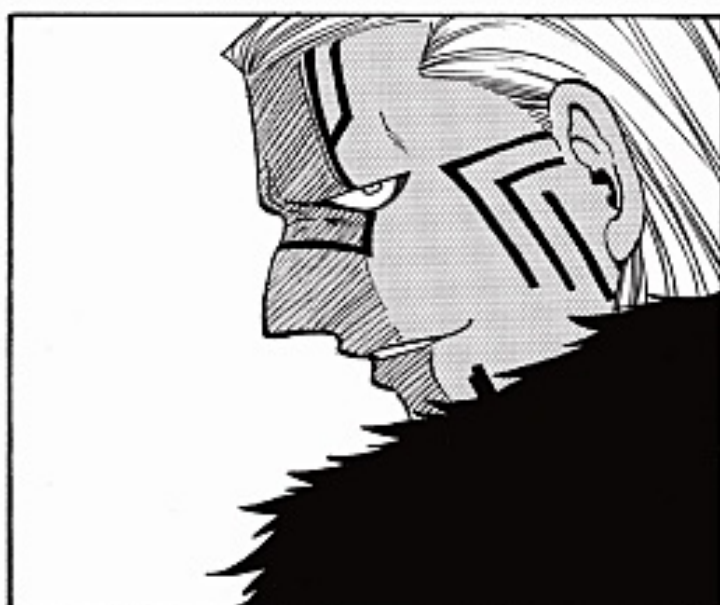




You just
slipped and
fell. That's
all.

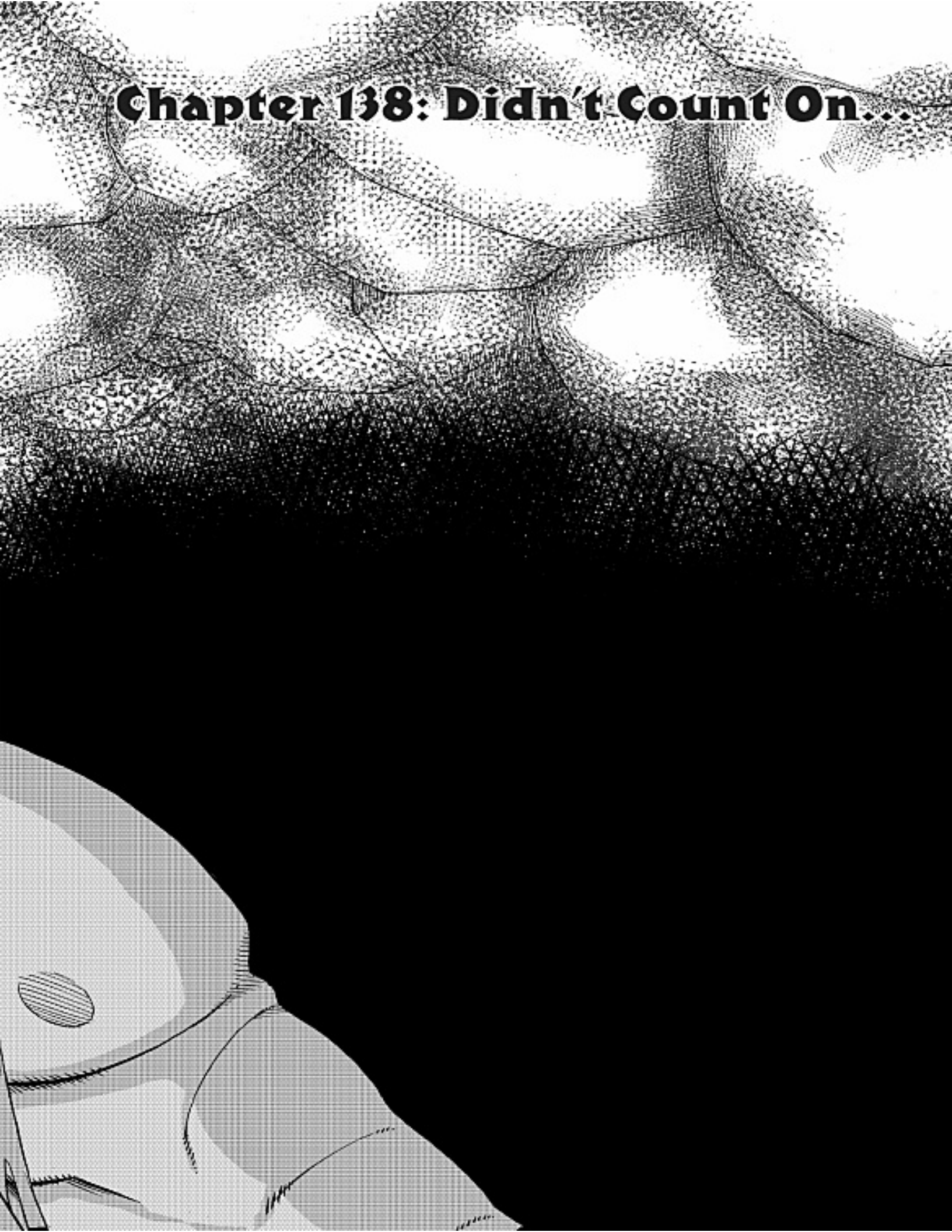
So you
managed
to stop
me, huh?

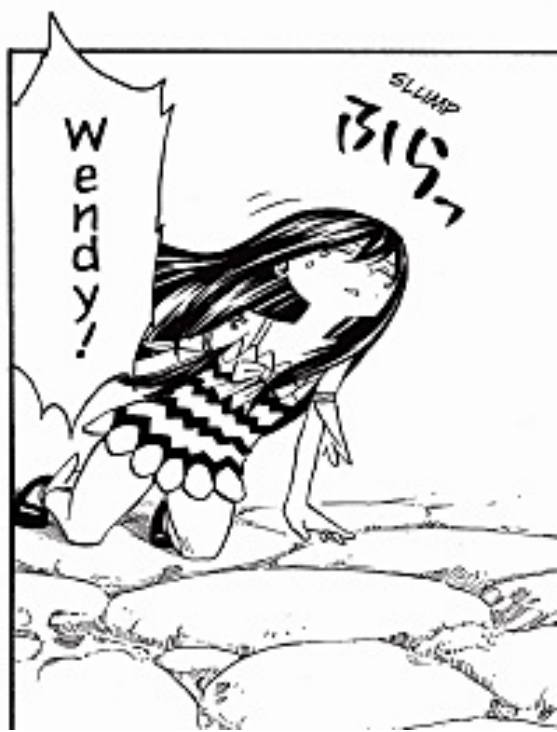
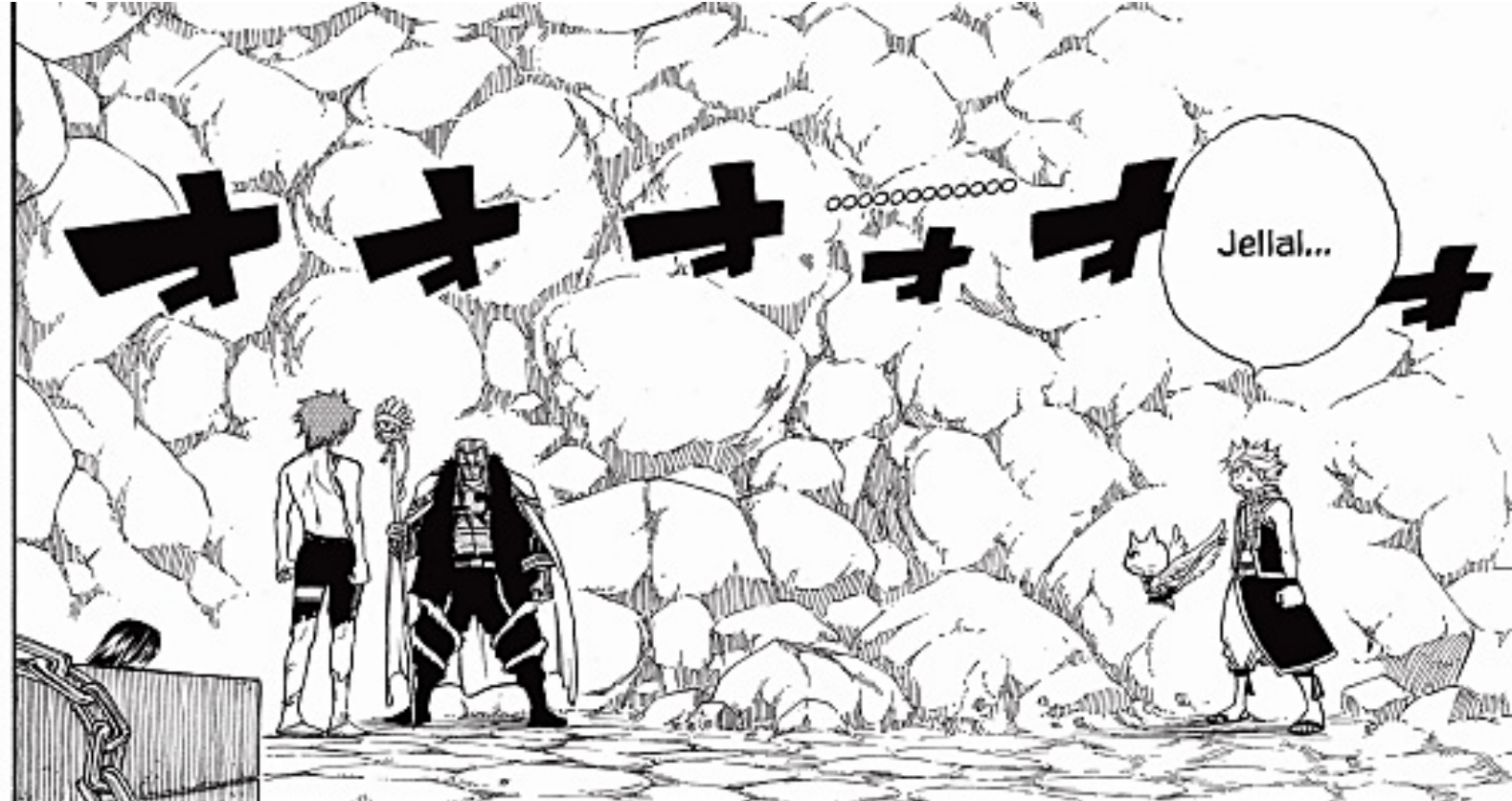






Chapter 138: Didn't Count On...





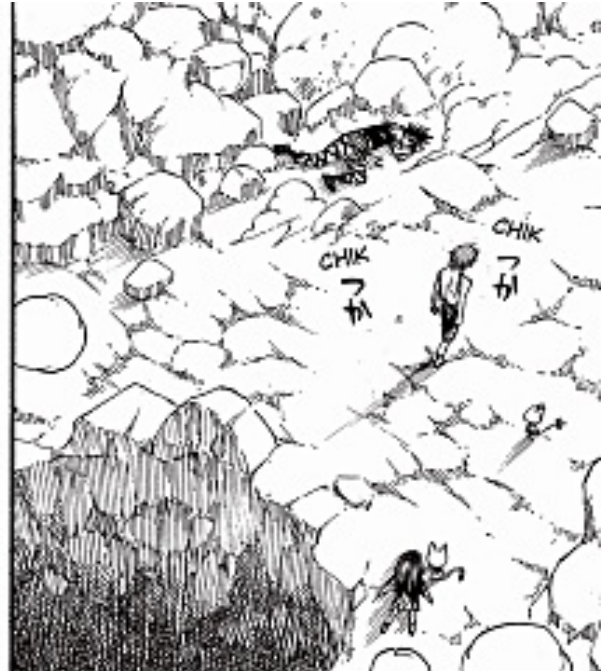


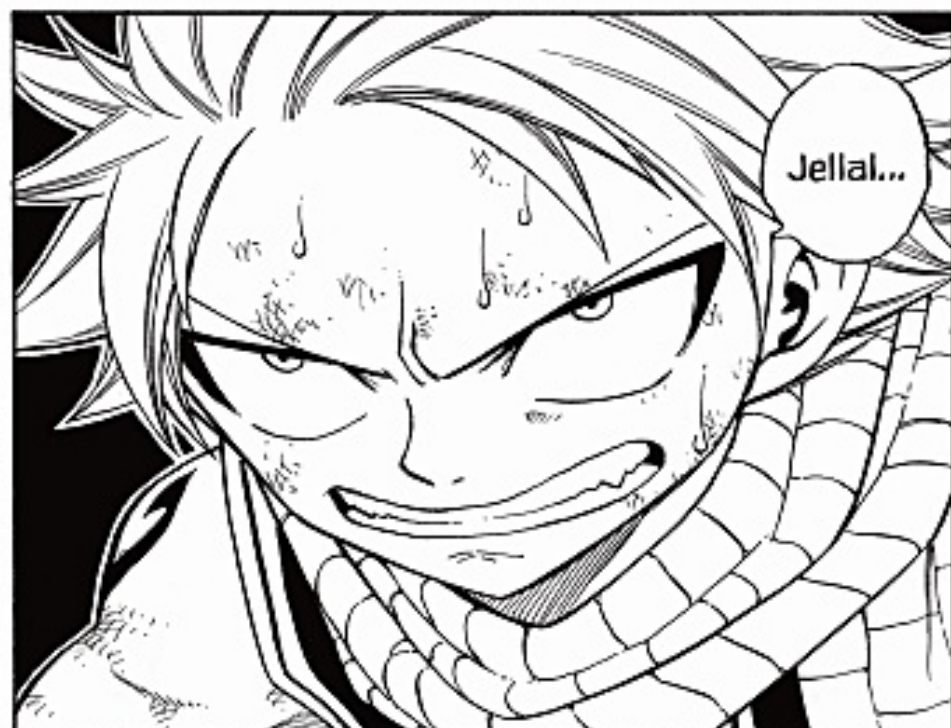
Wh-
What...are
you doing
here...?!

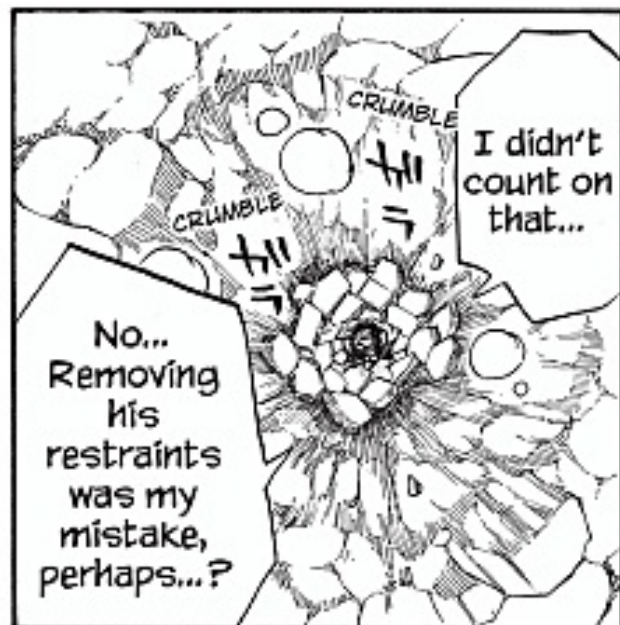
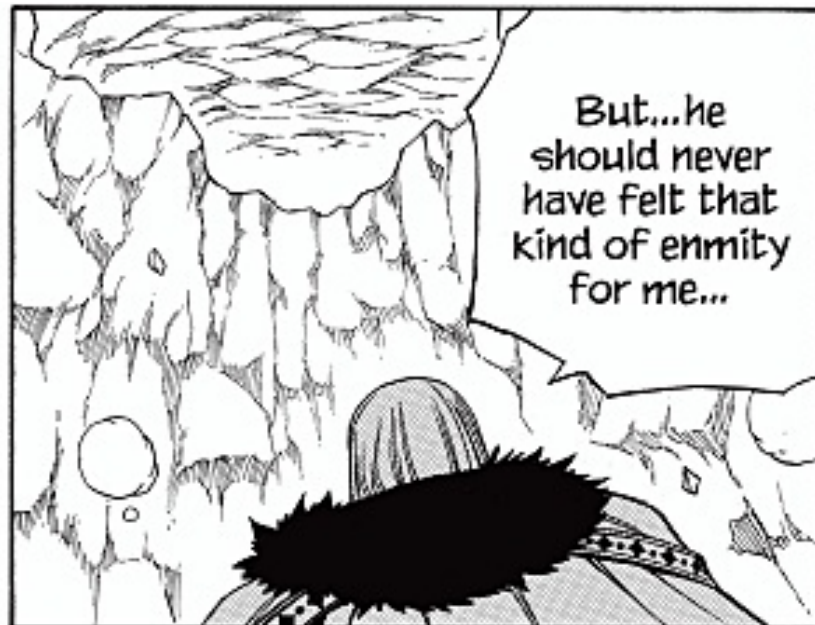














That
belongs
to us!!!!
I won't
hand it
over to
anyone
else!!!!

*I
won't
permit
it!!!!*

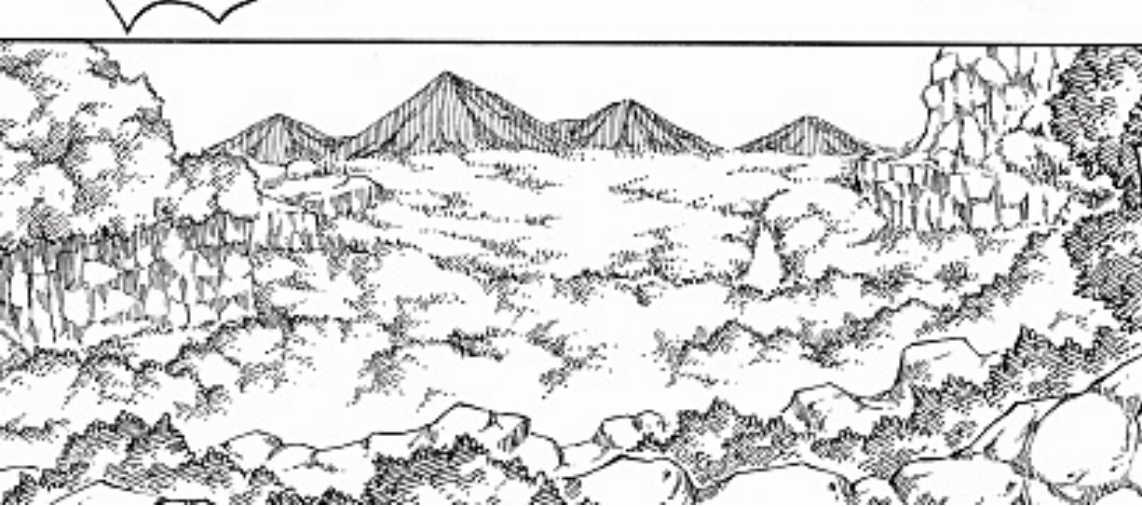


Go after
him!!!!
Where he
goes...

Jellal
has run
off!!!!



Cobra!!!!
Do you
hear
me!!!!



... is where
Nirvana will
be!!!!





My code
name is
Racer.



How fast
can that
guy go
...?

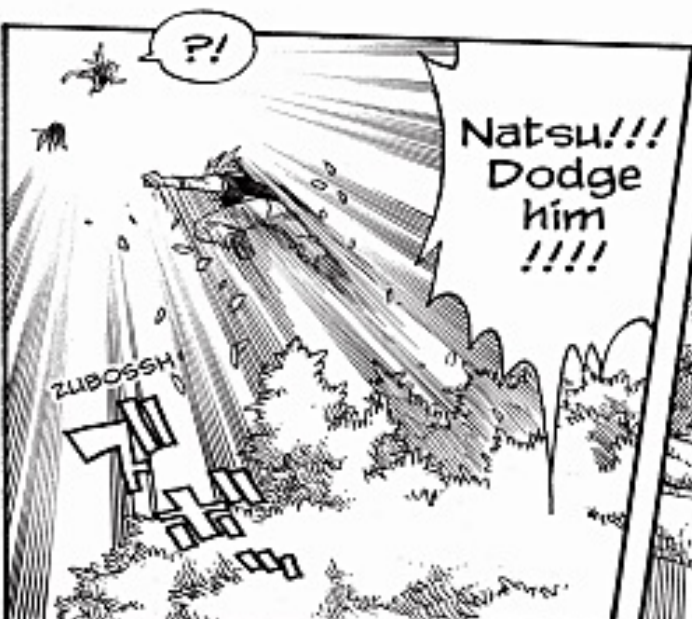
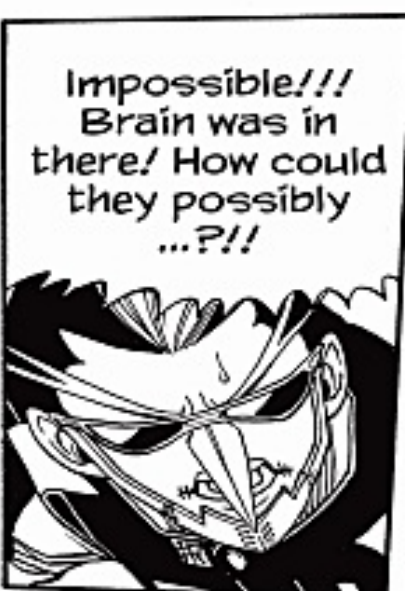
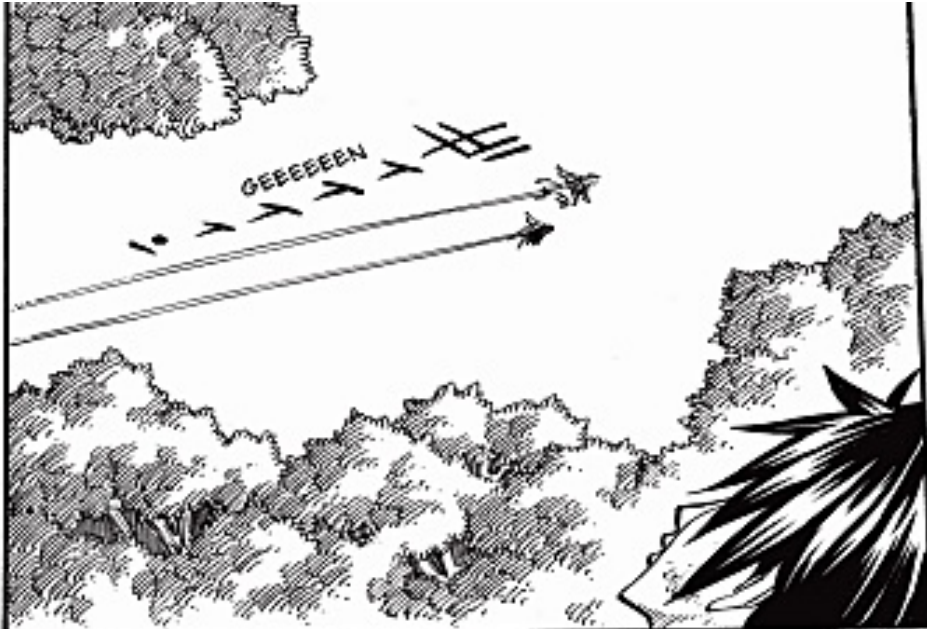
Hey,
creep
...!



I'm faster
than anyone.
Faster than
anything!

I just
run.

ORACIÓN
SEIS
RACER











**Go!!!
Get to
Erza
!!!!**

**I'll die
before I
let him get
beyond this
point!!!!**



**Erza's
going to
live!!! You
hear me
?!!!**

**Hyooooo
!!!!**

**Of
course
she is!**

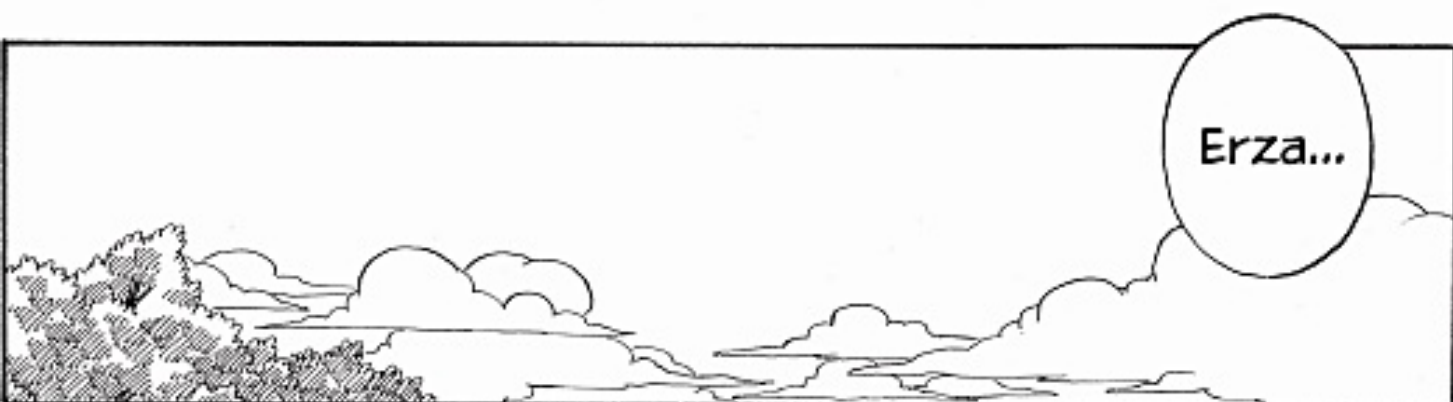


I'll stop you a lot more than that.



And try you might, you'll never pass us.

You'll always be looking at the fairy's tail!



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BLUE PEGASUS

Name: Ichiya Vandalay Kotobuki (29)

Magic: **Perfume Magic**

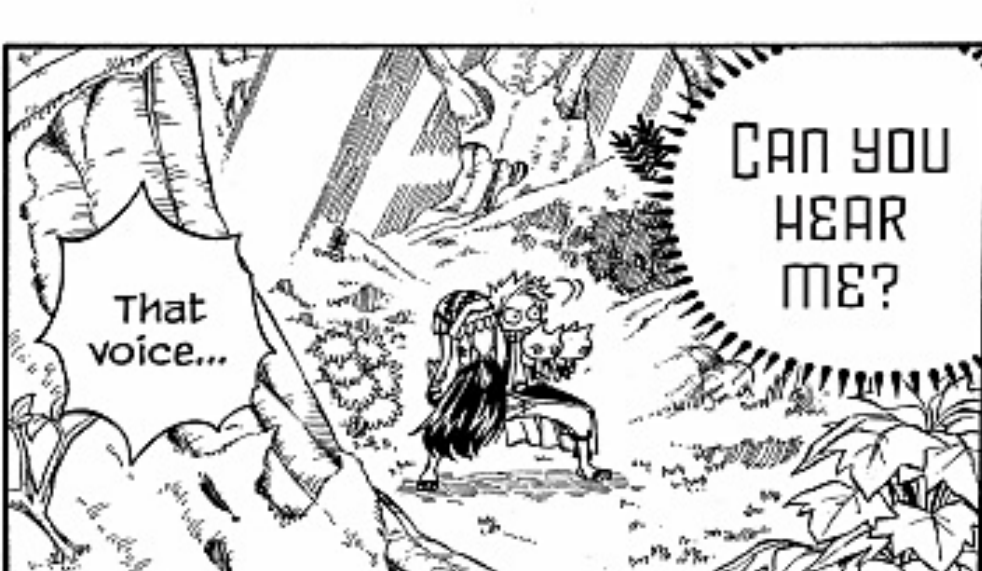
Likes: Every woman in the world

Dislikes: Stinky things



Remarks

The black sheep of Blue Pegasus, a guild famous for gathering beautiful men and women. His magic puts out odors that create all kinds of effects, and he keeps these perfumes in flasks that he carries with him. Considered an effective wizard in his guild, he loves it when the junior members call him by respectful names. He fell in love with Erza the moment he saw her at a guild masters' dinner.



...so
I'm going
to speak
directly to
your mind.

It's possible
that he can
hear every
word we
say...

STAY QUIET.
ONE OF OUR
ENEMIES HAS
INCREDIBLY
GOOD
HEARING.

Where
are
you?!

Get here
as quick
as you
can.

I'm going
to upload a
map leading
to us to
your head.

EXCELLENT.
JUST WHAT
I'D EXPECT
FROM YOU.

She's
here.

WHERE'S
WENDY?

I know where
Erza is now!!!
But wait, I
think I always
knew it!

GET HERE
FAST, NATSU-
RUN!

Ohh
?!!
What's
this?
What's
this?!!

STAAARE

What's
that
mean?

PING

It's a method of compressing information so it can be shared with others much quicker than using speech.

My magic, Archive. It's information compression magic.

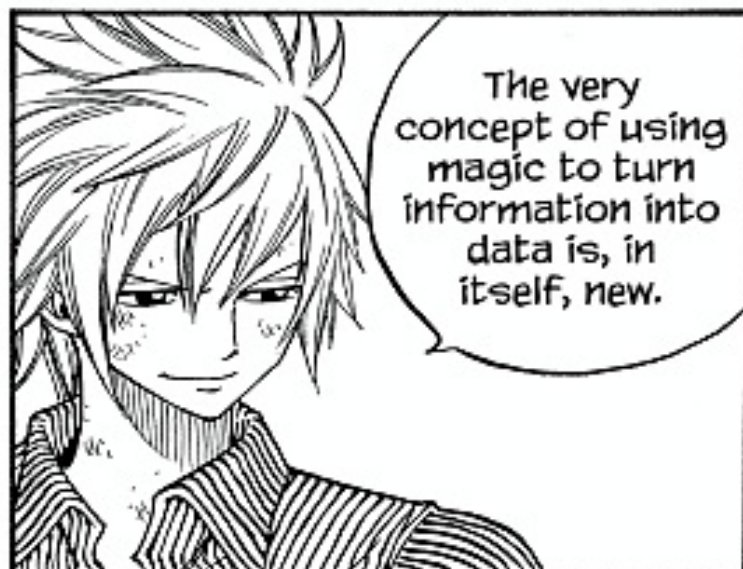
How'd you do that?



But I'm glad that Wendy's safe.



The very concept of using magic to turn information into data is, in itself, new.

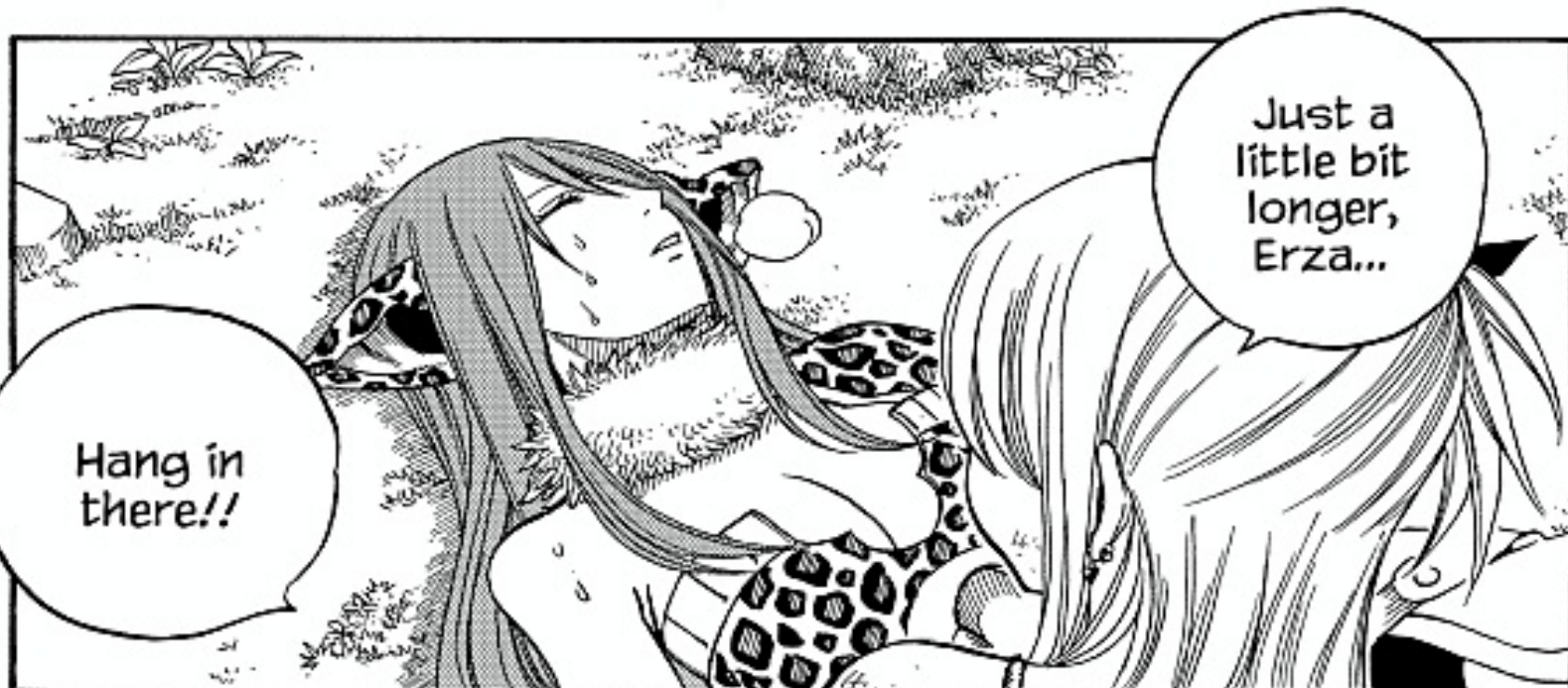


I've never heard of that magic.



Hang in there!!

Just a little bit longer, Erza...





...at least
until Natsu
gets back.

I
promise
!!!

I'm
going to
protect
you...



You're
making it
so I can't
live up to
my name.

You
managed
to stop
me twice
...



...I won't be
able to rest
until I kill
you!

If I felt like
it, I could
catch up
to that kid,
but...

I'll stop you again!!!



Once I've done that, I'll have plenty of time for the chase.



When did he...?!!

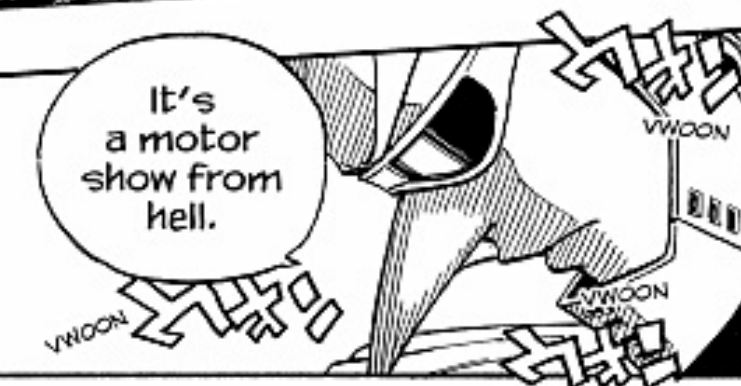


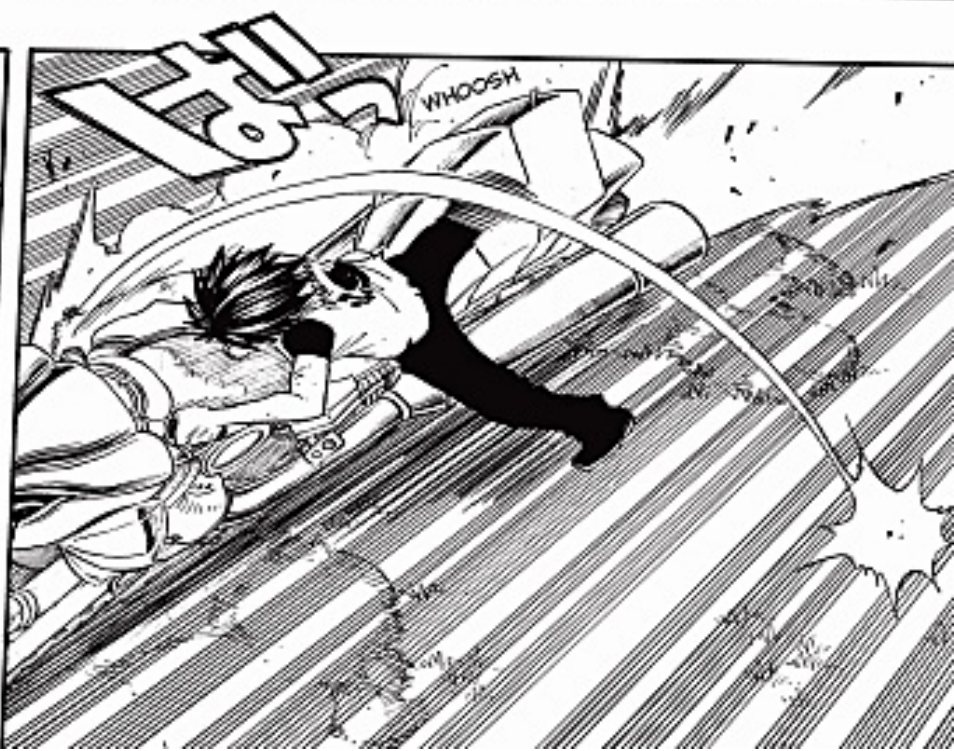
...
BEGIN
!!!!



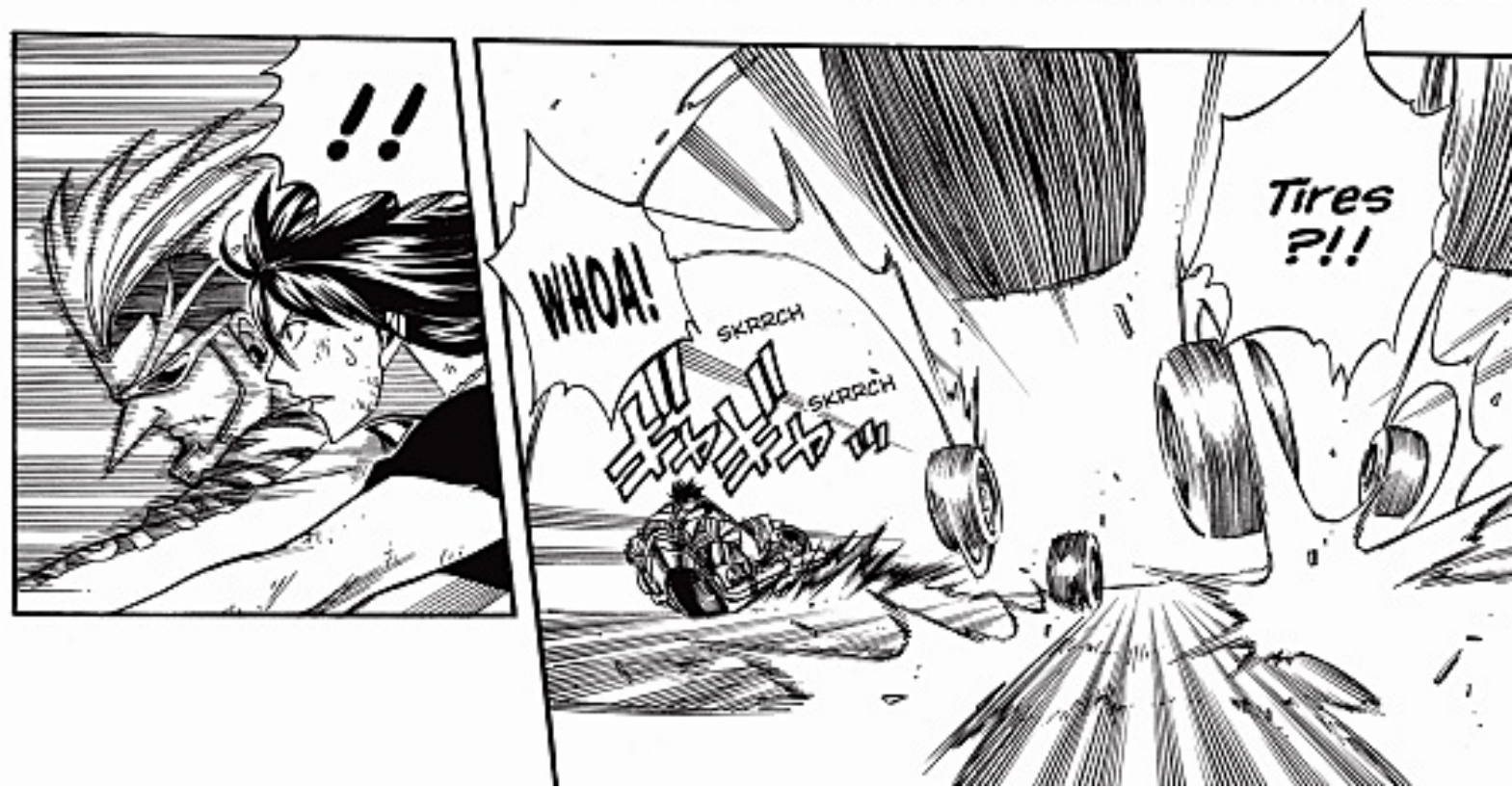
Let the
Dead Grand
Prix...

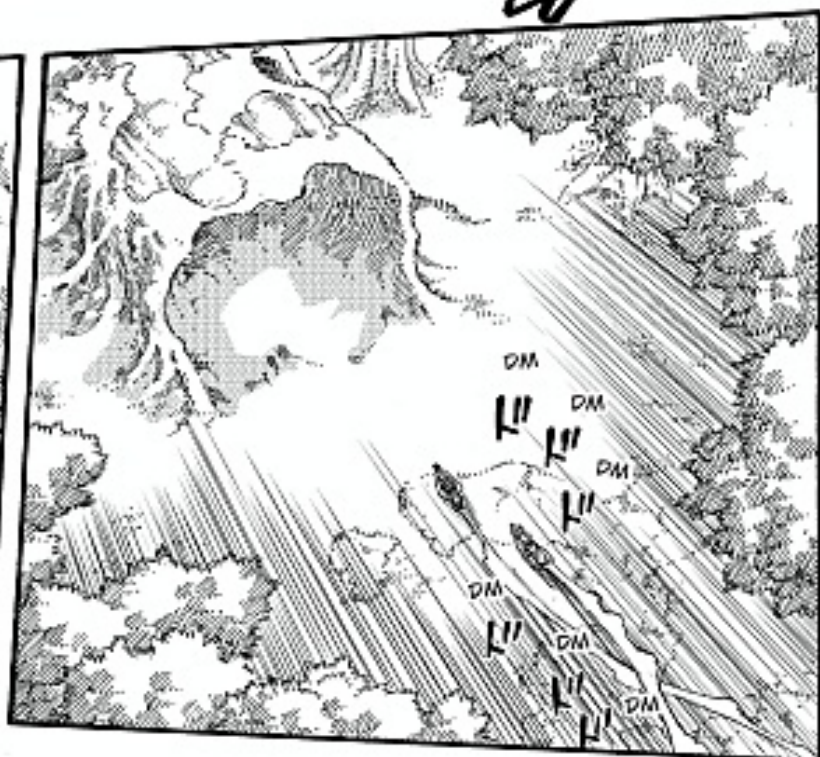








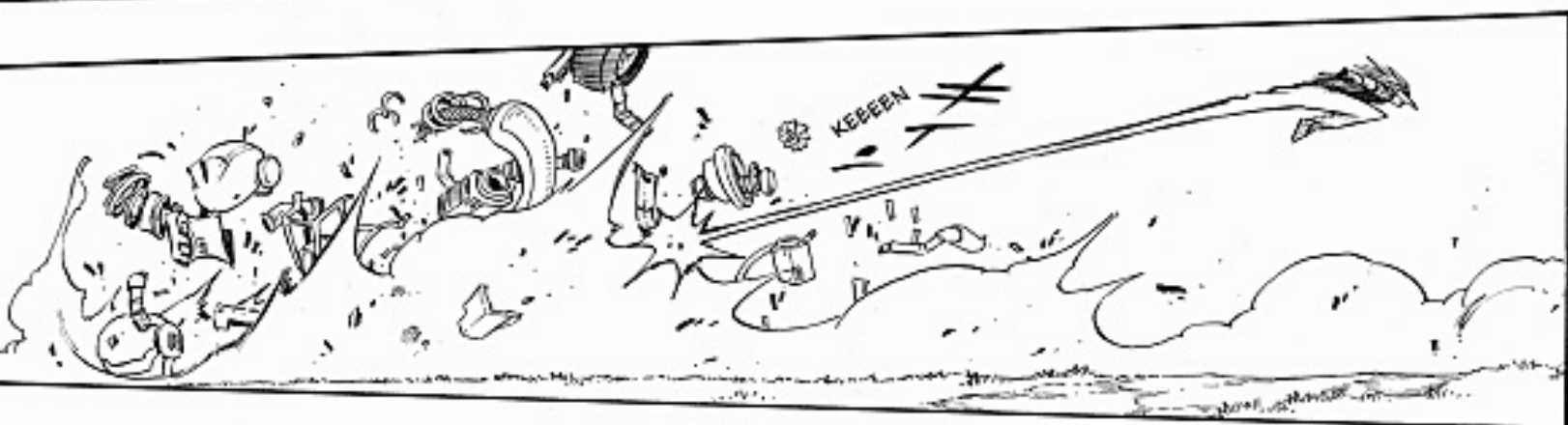




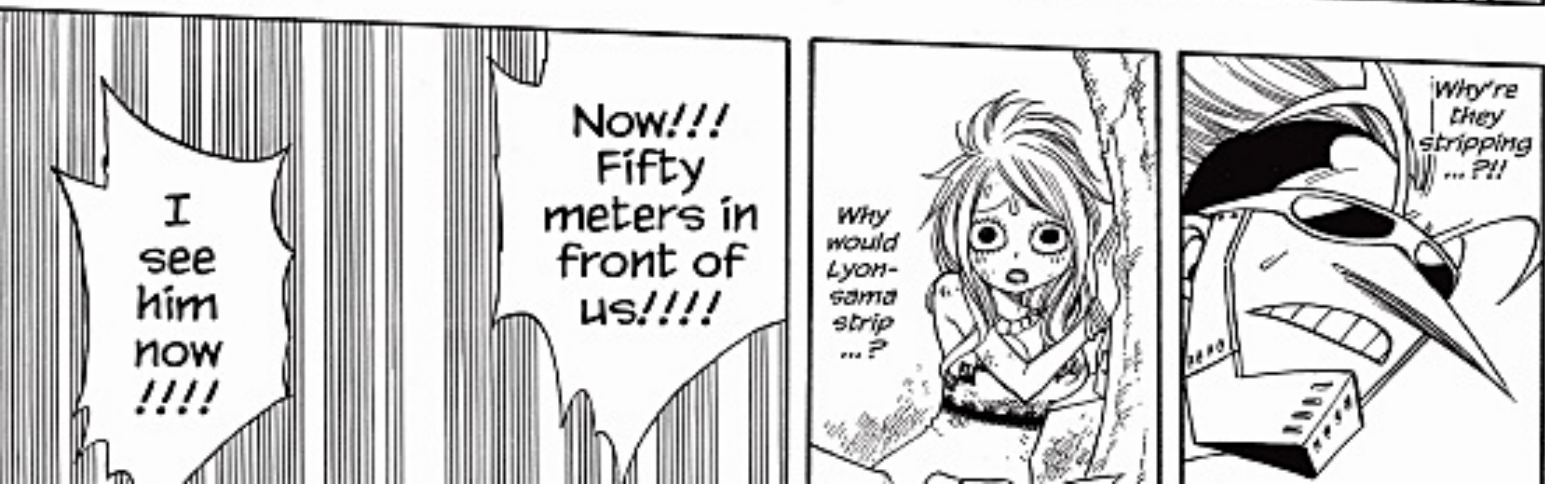
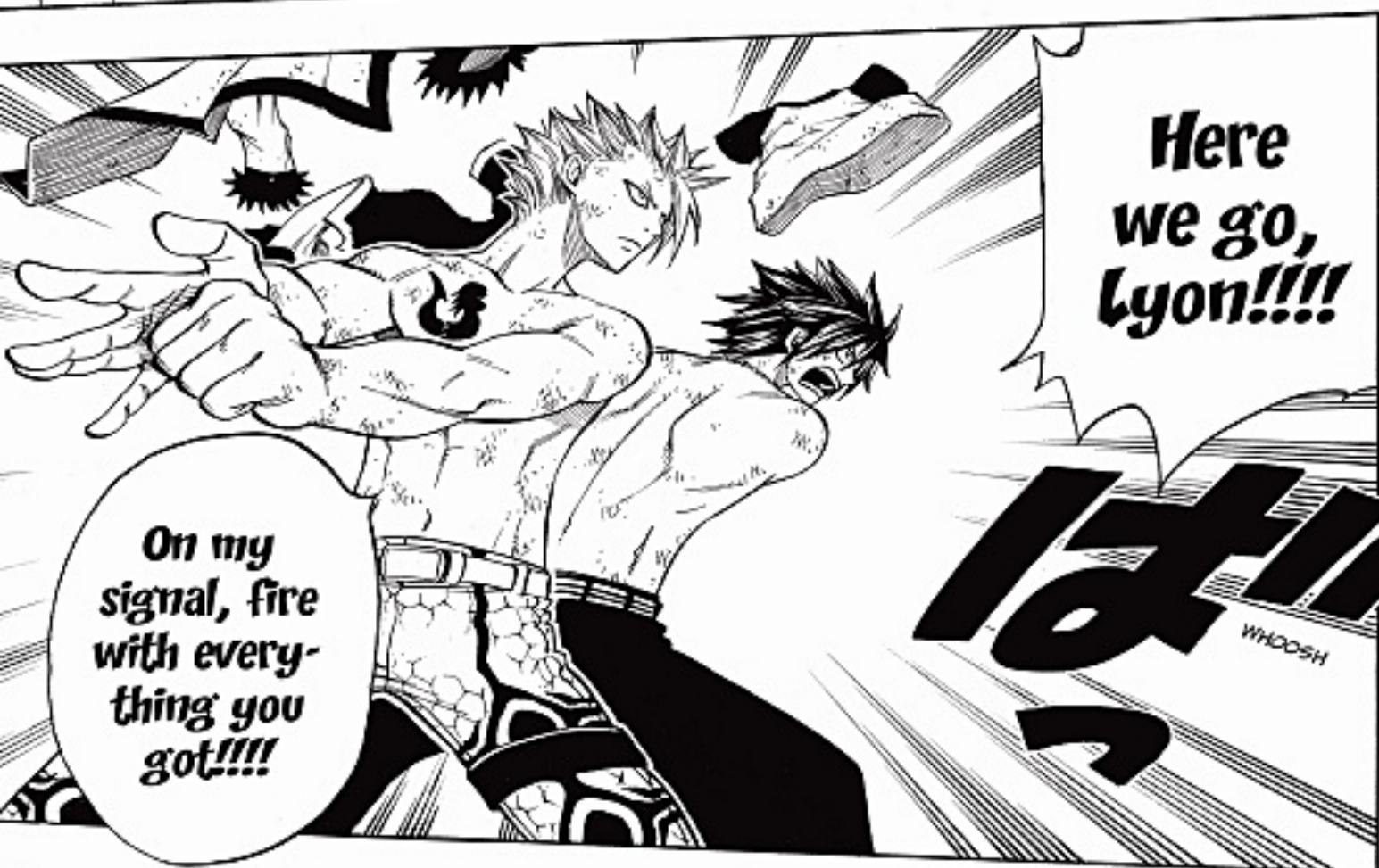












**SNOW
DRAGON
!!!!**

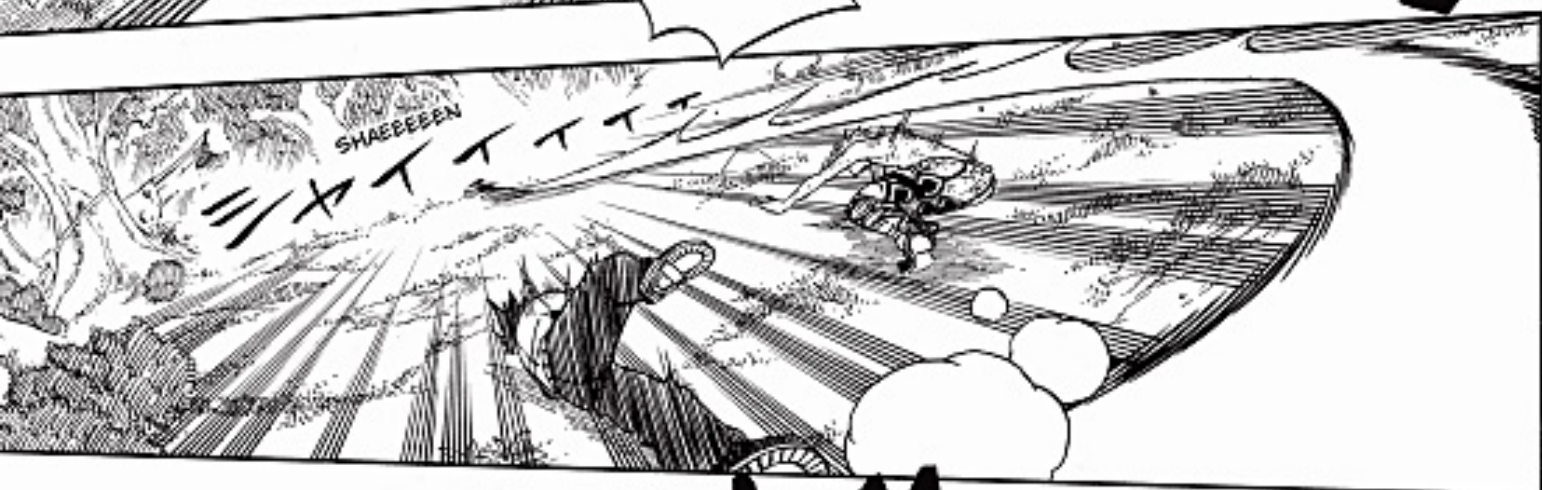
**ICE
GEYSER
!!!!**

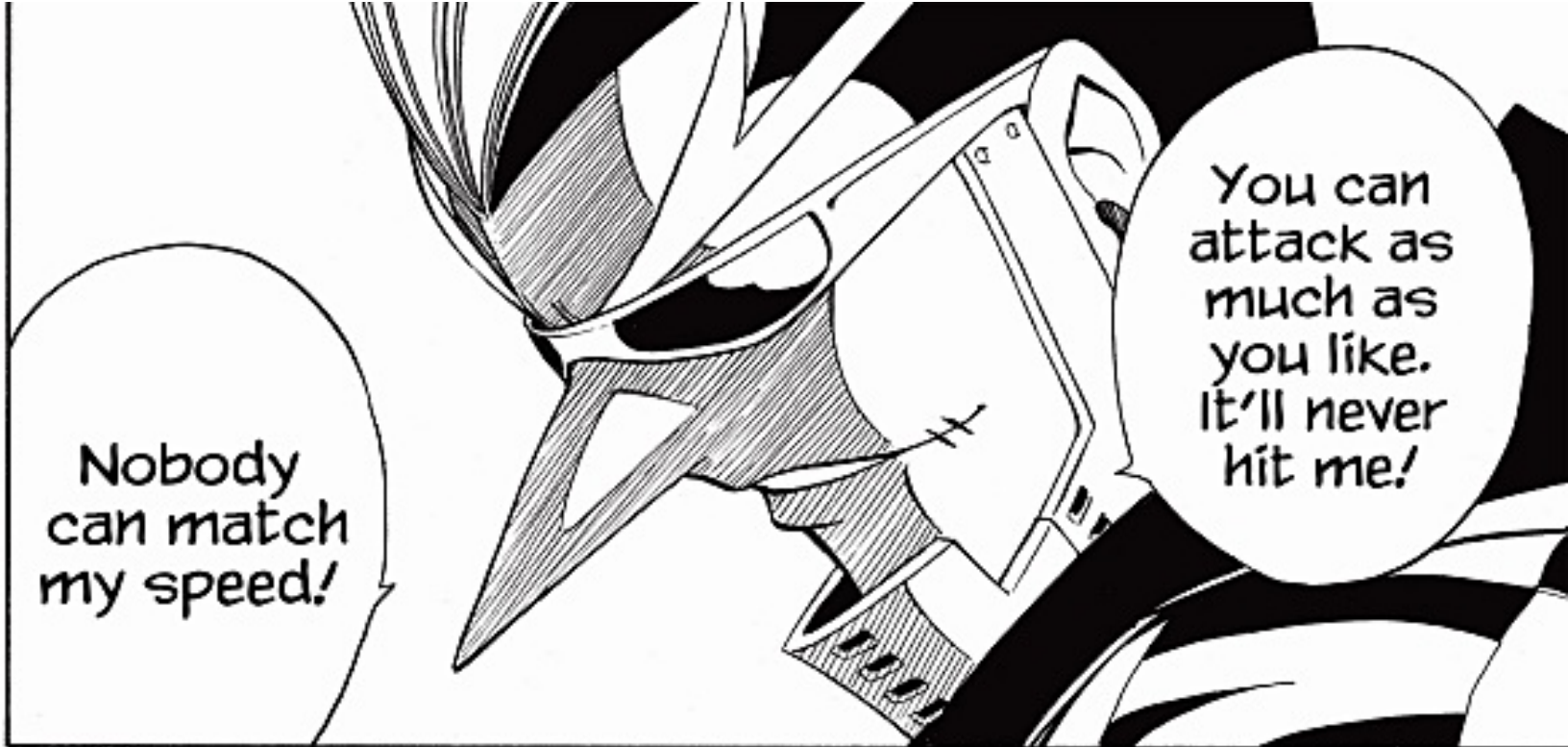


He sped
up even
more!!!



Wha-
?!!





Nobody
can match
my speed!

You can
attack as
much as
you like.
It'll never
hit me!



?!

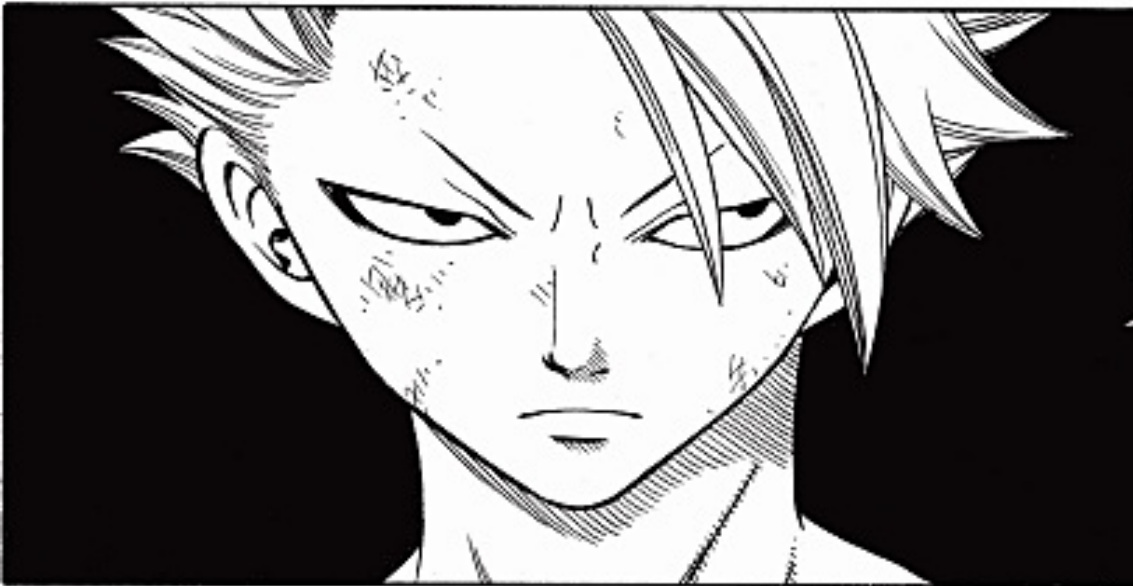
I need
your full
attention,
Gray.



Now... I
think it's
time to end
this!



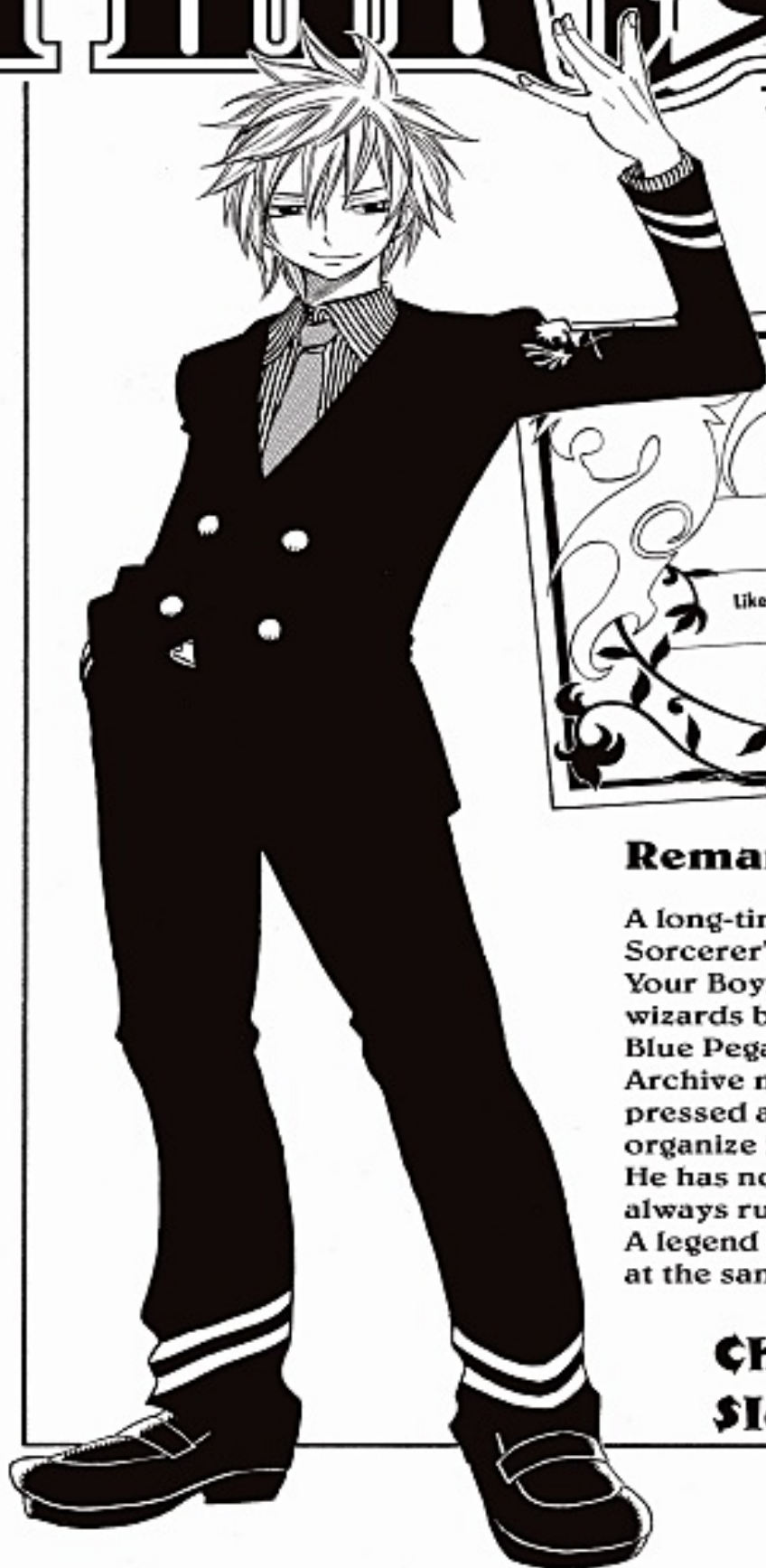
Then I'll
go get
that girl
back.



I've
found his
weakness.

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル



BLUE PEGASUS

Name: Hibiki Lates (20)

Magic: Archive

Likes: All Women

Dislikes: Bugs

Remarks

A long-time top-ranker in the Weekly Sorcerer's poll of "Wizards You Wish Were Your Boyfriend." They say that many female wizards bewitched by his looks try to join Blue Pegasus.

Archive magic lets information be compressed and sent to a recipient. He can also organize information and oversee battles. He has no steady girlfriend, but there are always rumors flying about who he's seeing. A legend states that he has dated 18 women at the same time (the truth is unconfirmed).

Chapter 140:
Slow Speed World



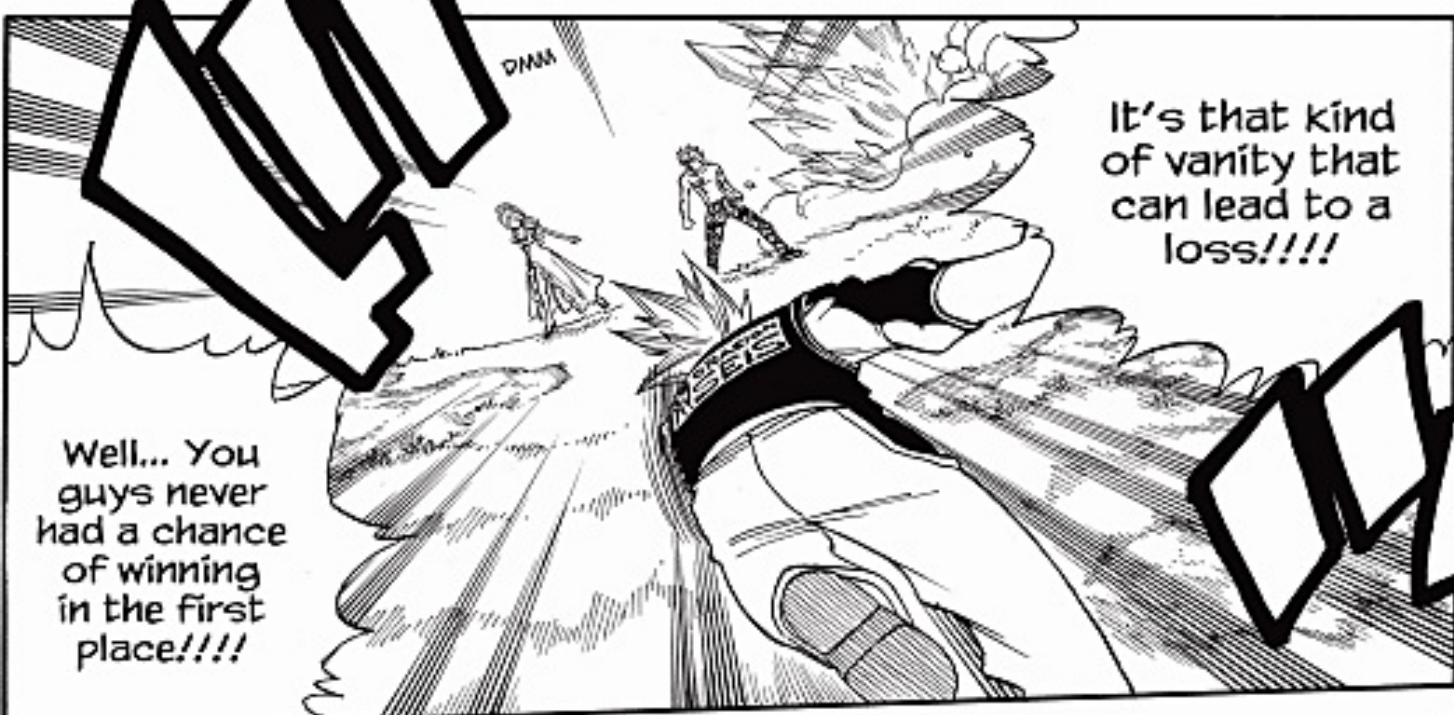




I want no objections from you!!! This is a battle that we in Lamia Scale are taking control of!

Y-Yes, sir!!!

But, Lyon-sama...





A close-up of Ice Make: Hedgehog, a character with spiky hair and a determined expression, looking towards the left. He is wearing a light-colored shirt.

No matter what speed you go at, you only have one attack.

Your weakness is you have no real attack strength.

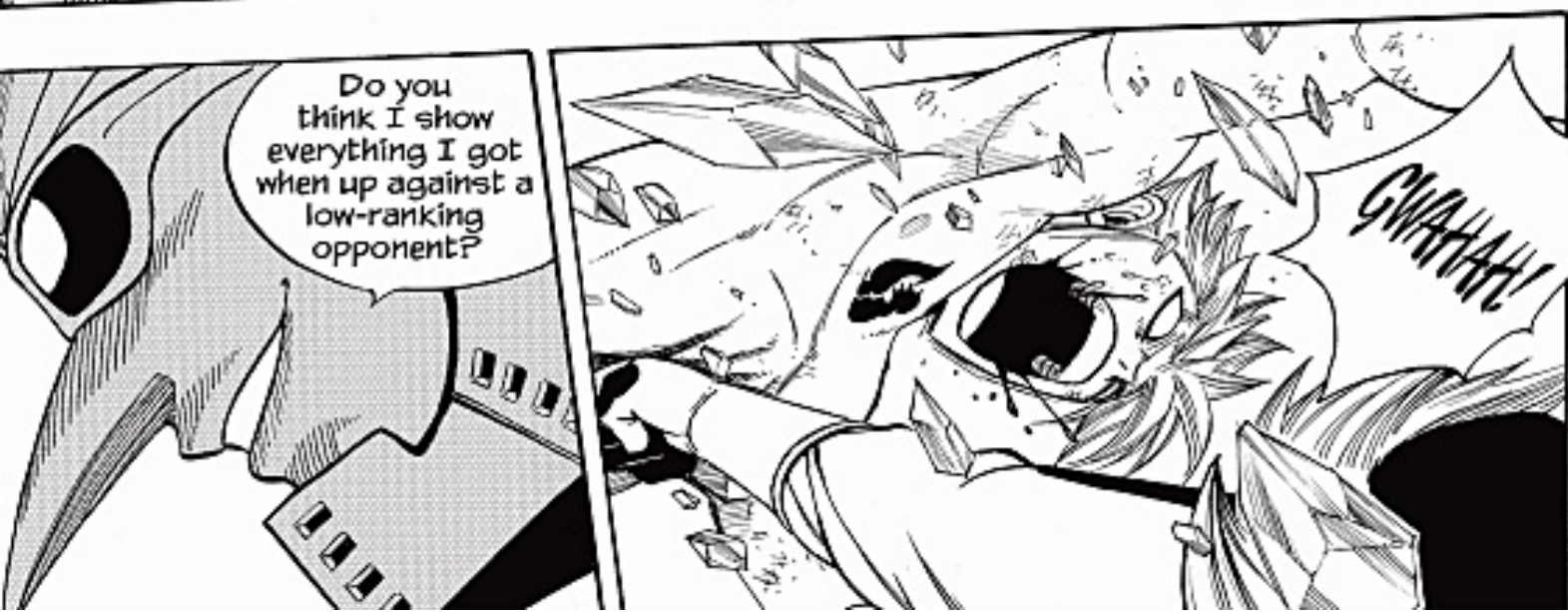
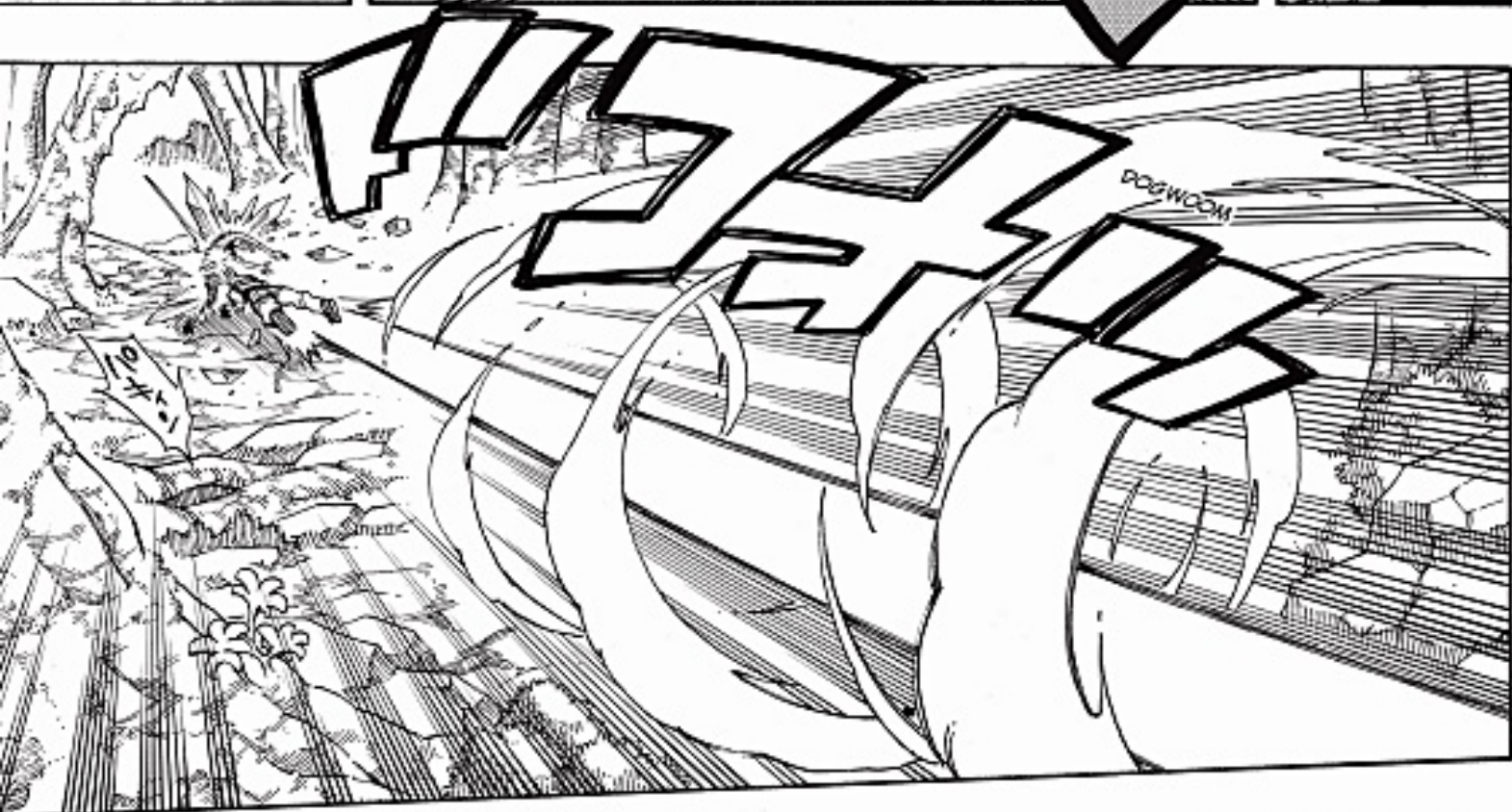
Ice Make: Hedgehog is shown in a dynamic pose, attacking with a large, spiky ice attack. The attack is labeled 'SHAKEEN' and 'SKEDDICH'. The character is wearing a dark shirt with 'ICE MAKE' written on it. The background shows a rocky landscape with some trees.

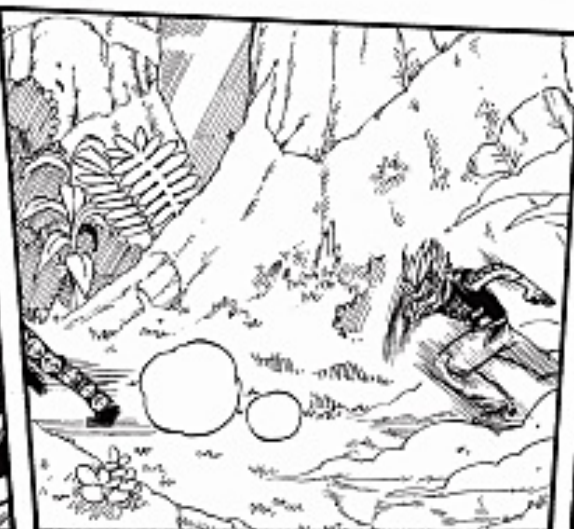
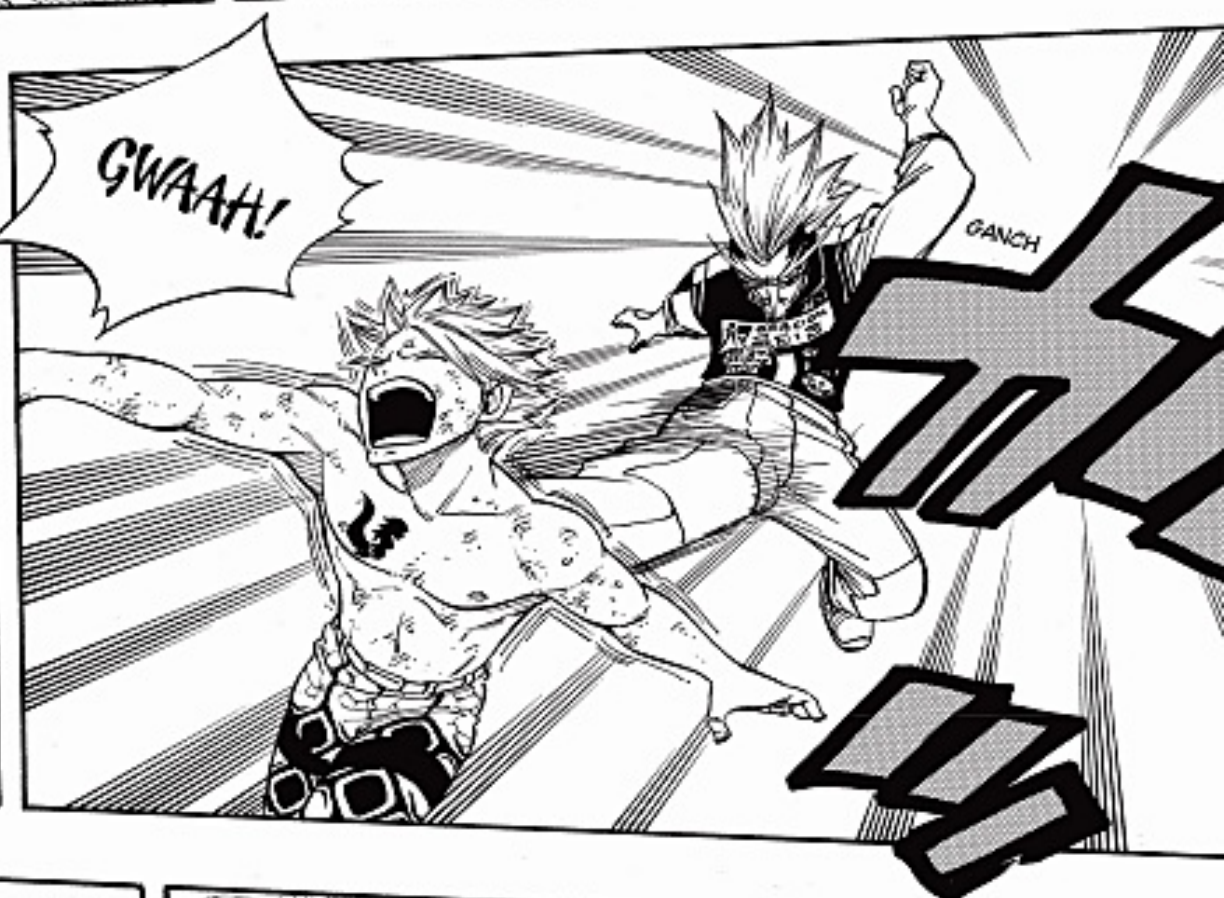
What?!!

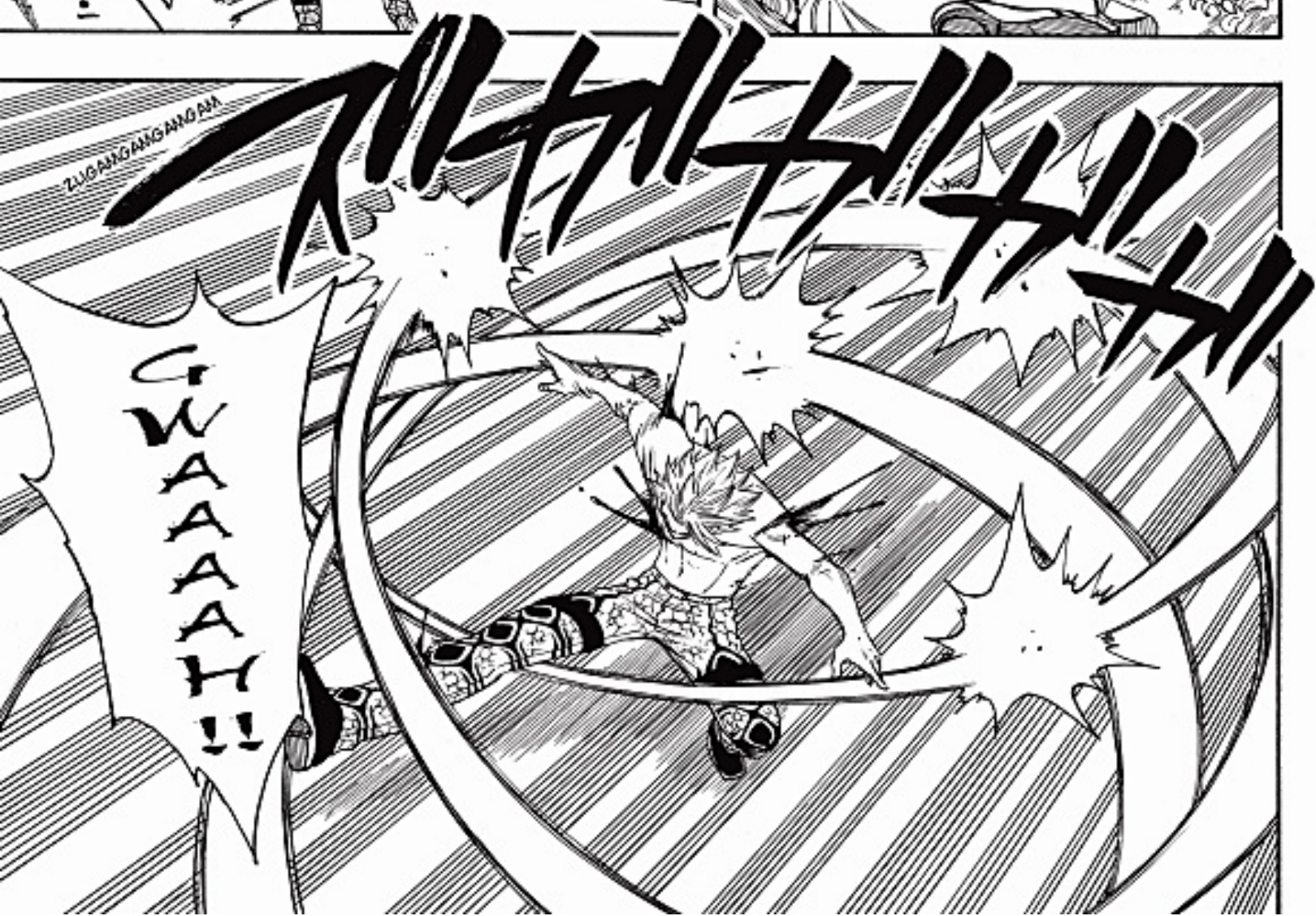
**Ice Make:
Hedgehog
!!!!**

Ice Make: Hedgehog is shown in a dynamic pose, attacking with a large, spiky ice attack. The attack is labeled 'ZHUUM'. The character is wearing a dark shirt with 'ICE MAKE' written on it. The background shows a rocky landscape with some trees.

What's the matter? Come at me with your precious speed!

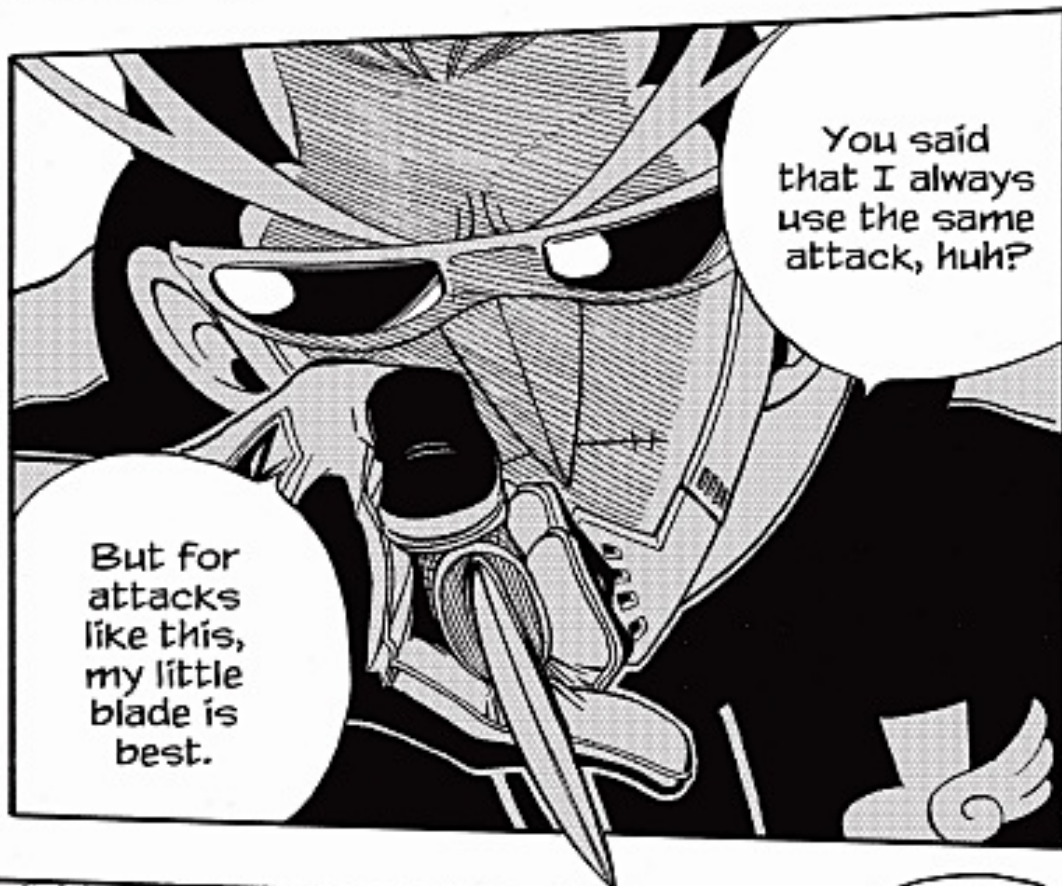








With my speed,
no matter what
kind of magic
you try, I can
cut your throat
first.



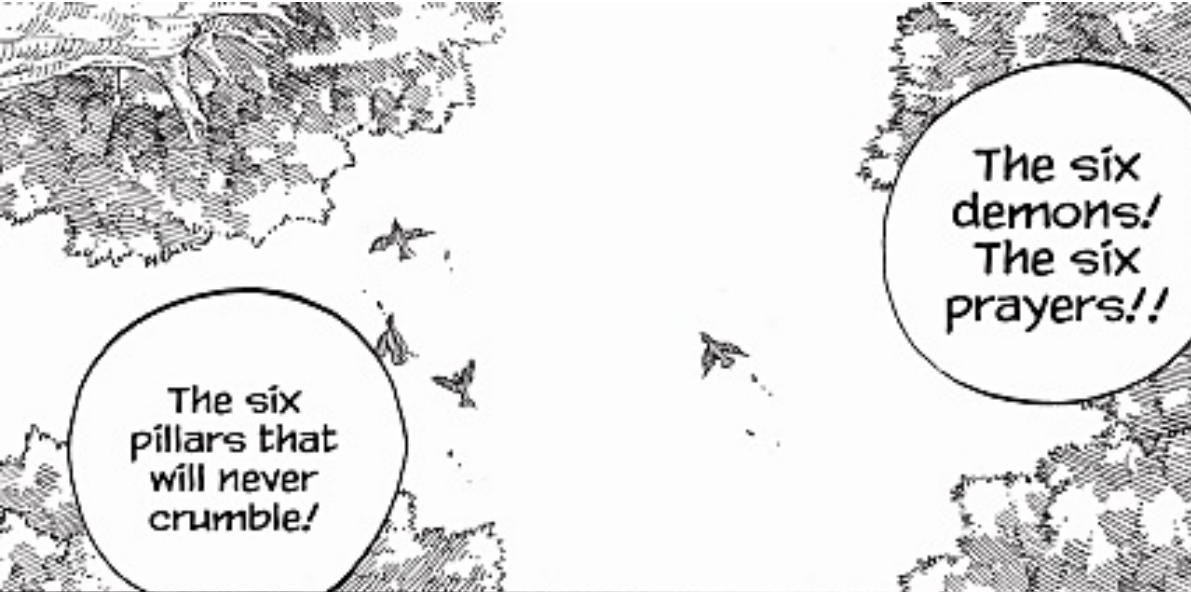
You said
that I always
use the same
attack, huh?

But for
attacks
like this,
my little
blade is
best.



**I'm one of
the Oración
Seis!**

Young kids
always act
puffed up, and
that's okay.
But this time
you picked the
wrong guy
for that.



The six
pillars that
will never
crumble!

The six
demons!
The six
prayers!!

HAHH

HAHH

HAHH

...I felt that
I figured
out...your
magic
power.

When I saw
a far-off
bird flying
incredibly
fast...

?!


?

I...
knew
it...

...they
always
die!

But when
somebody
tries to
shake those
pillars...

!!


It reduces your
opponent's... Or
I should say the
speed of every-
thing else within
a certain area.

Your
magic
doesn't
raise your
speed at
all.

**...can take
away that
speed!**

**In other
words, you
lowered my
speed. That's
all.**

**And as long as your
magic only works in a
limited area, anybody
who sees you from
outside that area...**



Th-That's why you ran as far away from him as you could...?!



Wha...

PAKACHAACL
パカチャアッ



Yes, he can.



But at that distance, he can't possibly hit me!!!



I see. Now I can see it all.



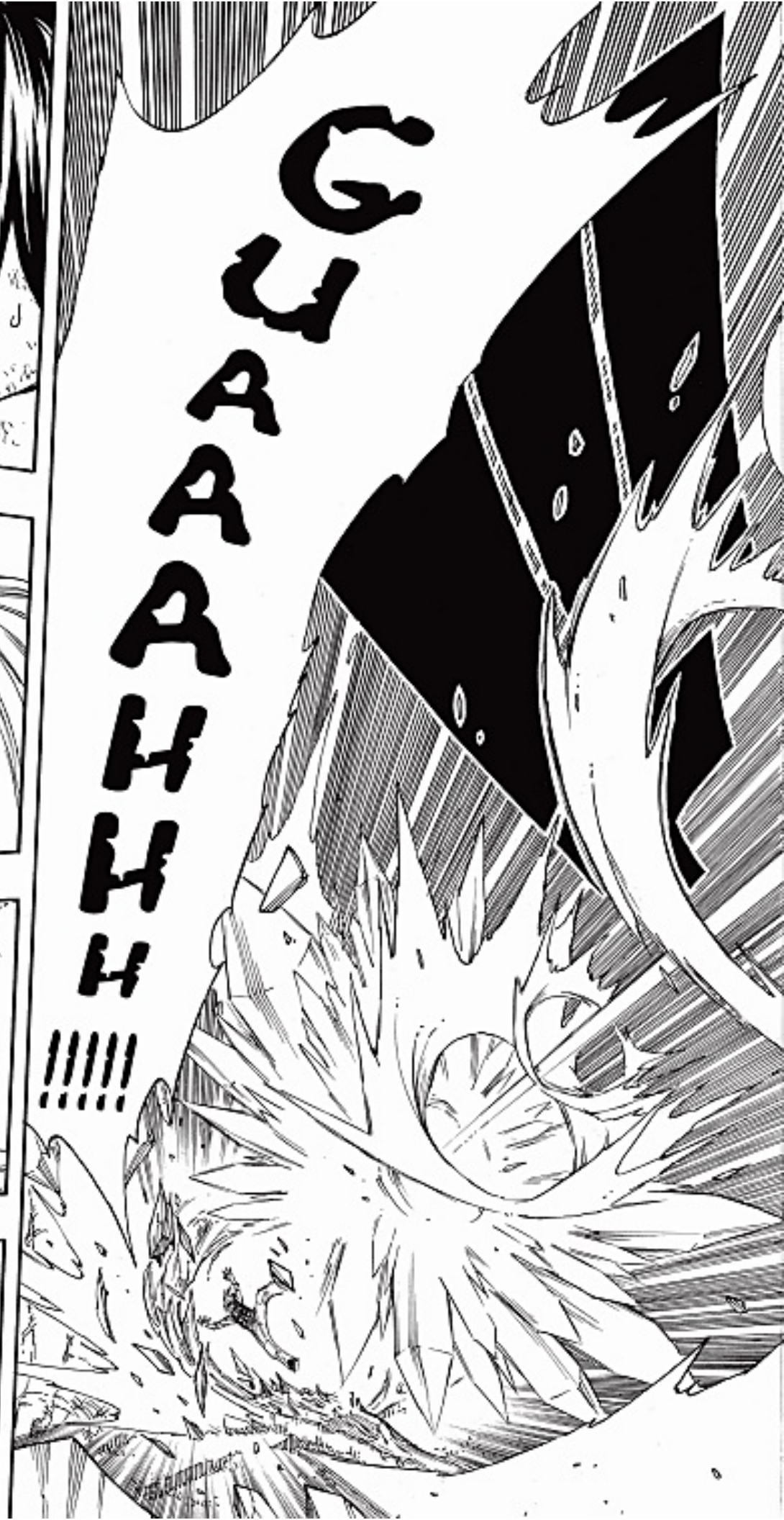
...they're the strongest there is.



When Fairy Tail wizards put their hearts into it...



No matter what they try to do...





I really
thought you
had turned on
your ally.

Did it?
With five of
them left?

You did it,
Lyon.

WOBBLE
Wobble

Humph.

That's
my elder
disciple for
you.

**It
isn't
over
yet
!!!!**

Don't try
to make
fun of
me.

Can you
stand?

GRN
GRN
GRN
WOBBLE
Wobble



Dammit ...



You're kidding ...



Those are explosive lacrima ?!!!



In the name of the Oración Seis!!!!

I swear I'm not going down alone !!!!

JARANG



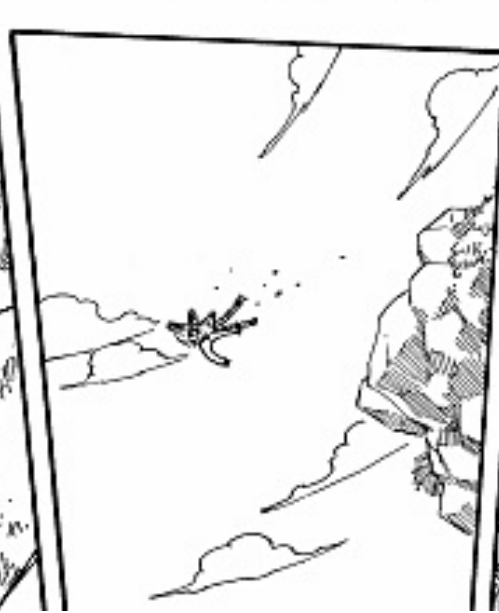
THONK



I'm taking one of you with me!!!!



That kid'll be the death of me...



Lyon-sama !!!!



Lyon !!!

DOO WOOWA





Does that mean one corner of the Six Demons has crumbled ...?

A close-up of a character's face, showing a large eye and a speech bubble containing the text "FFT". The character appears to be speaking or reacting.

Racer is...

Hiss!

... dead ...

*I want
them all
dead!!!
Every single
one!!!!*



*Mid-
night
!!!*

I never
expected
to awaken
him...



Okay...

...Father.

ORACIÓN SEIS
MIDNIGHT



Full Moon

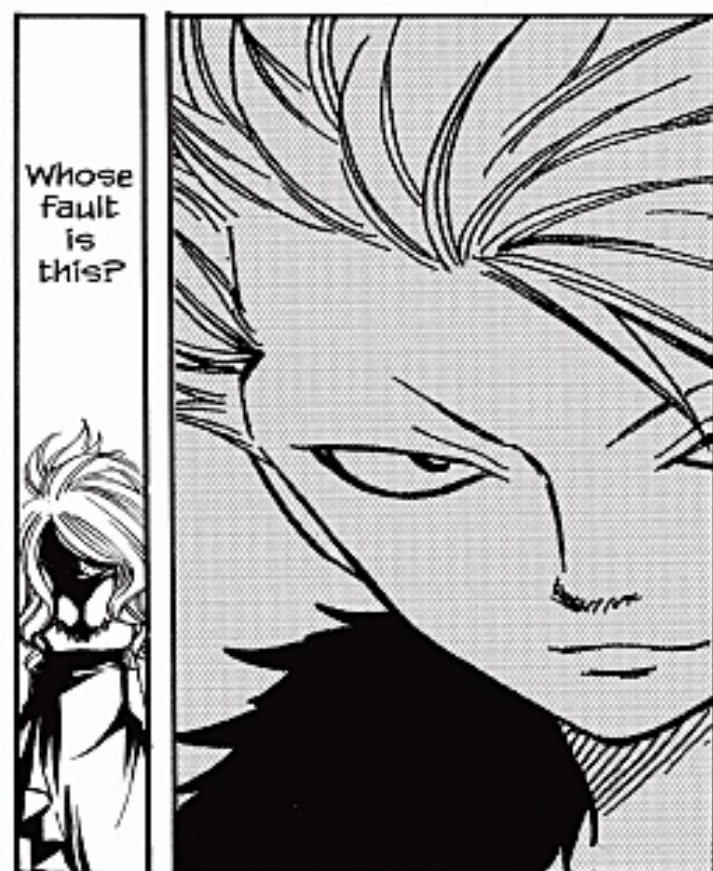




Chapter 141: Light



 **FAIRYTAIL**

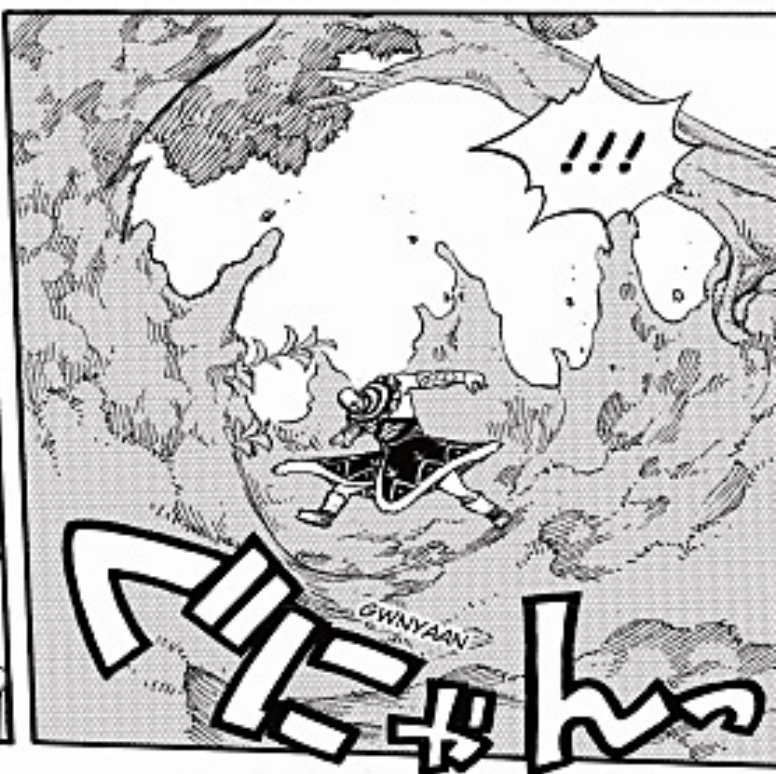


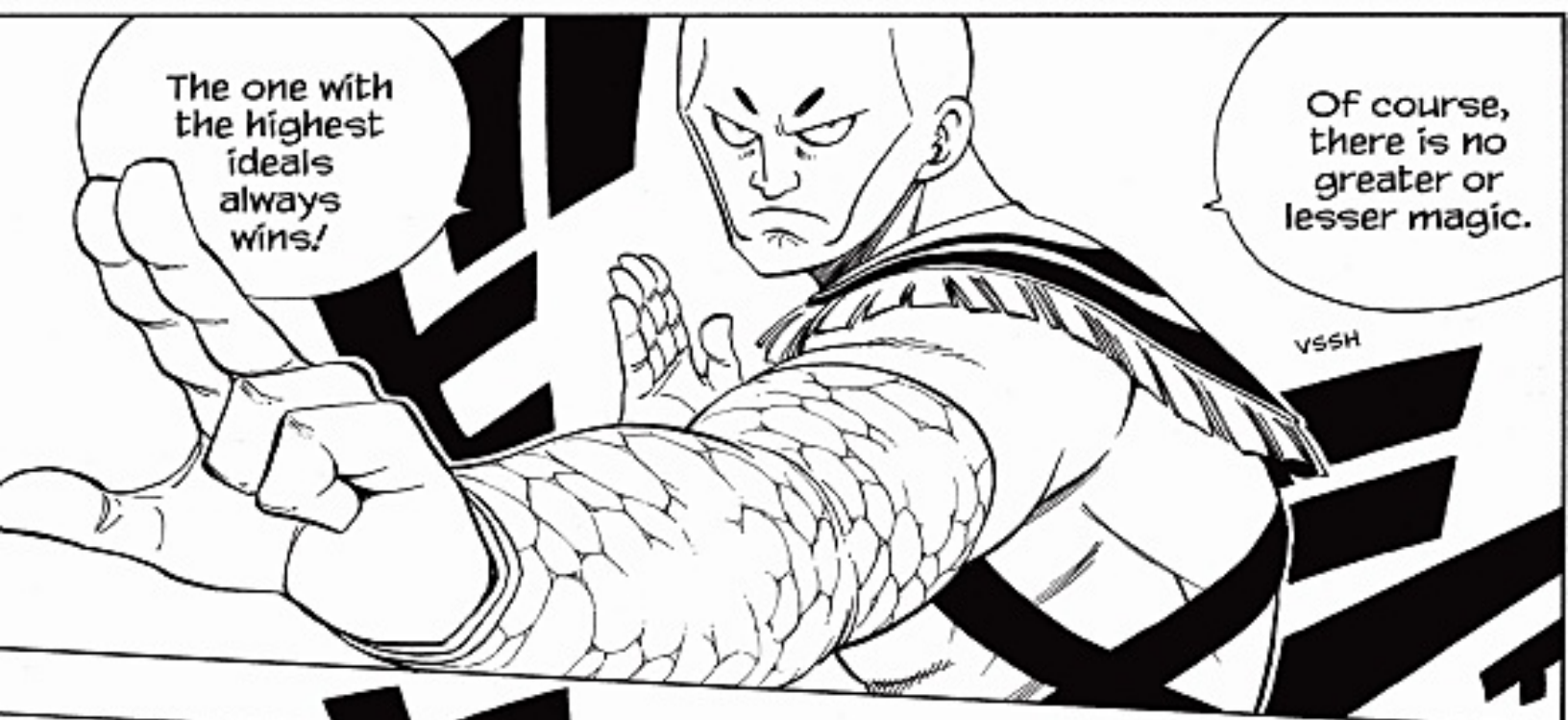


I know
you're here.



I'd expect as
much from a
wizard saint.







Calm down, Natsu!

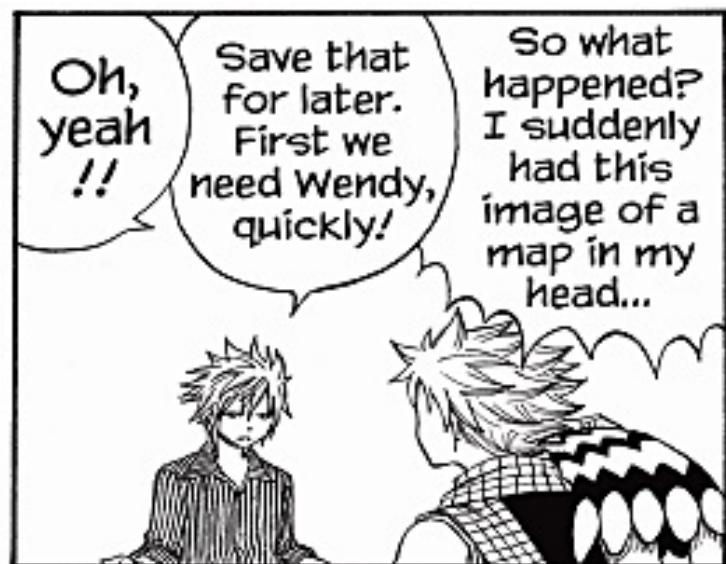
Wake up, Wendy!!!
Please, we need you
to save Erza!!!!



Oh,
yeah
!!

Save that
for later.
First we
need Wendy,
quickly!

So what
happened?
I suddenly
had this
image of a
map in my
head...



I'm sorry...
I...



Poison
?



Please save
her!!! I'm
begging
you!!!



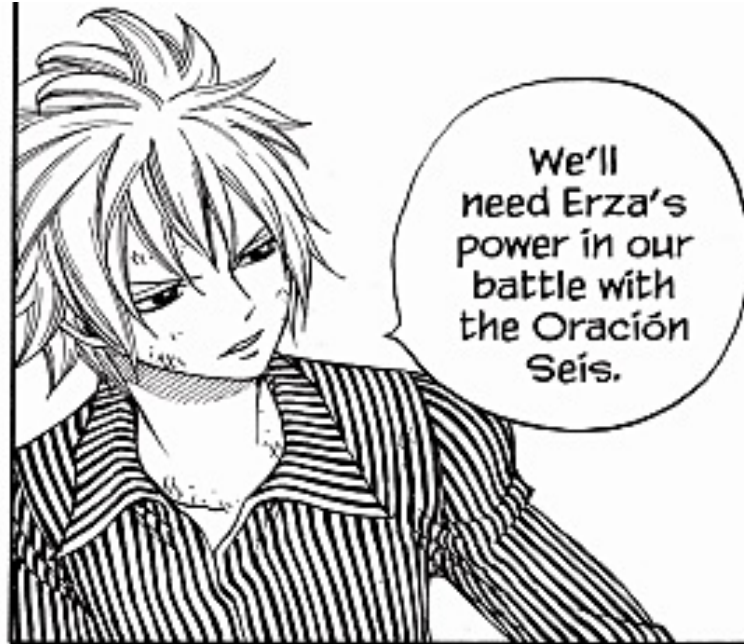
We don't care
about that
right now!!
Erza's been
bitten by a
poisonous
snake!!!

?!





Please...
Save Erza
!!!



We'll
need Erza's
power in our
battle with
the Oración
Seis.



How long do
you plan on
staying there,
you laggard
?!

Thank
goodness...



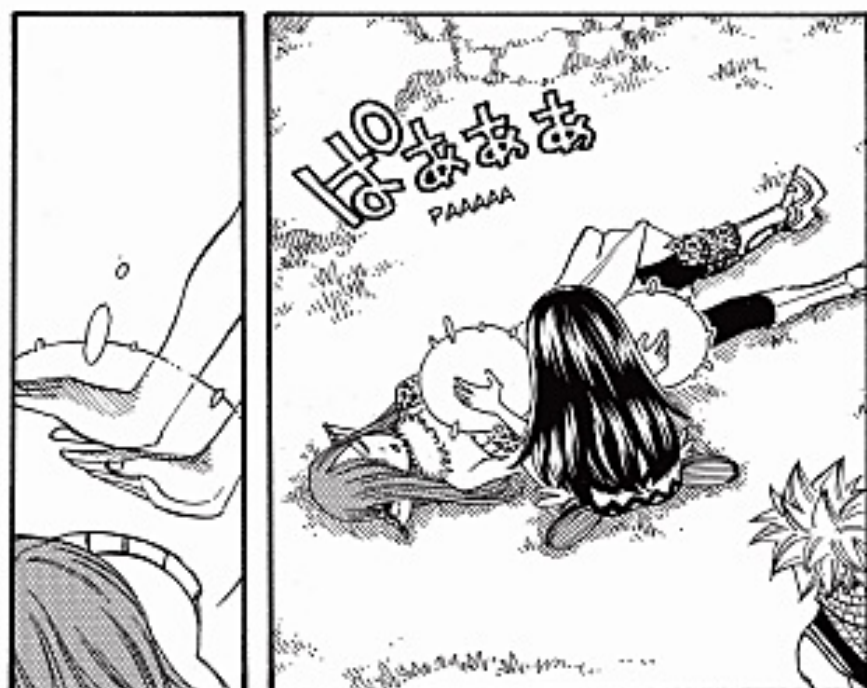
S-Sure,
I will!!!
Yeah!!! I'll
do it!!!

I'll give
it my
best!

FIIRING LO!



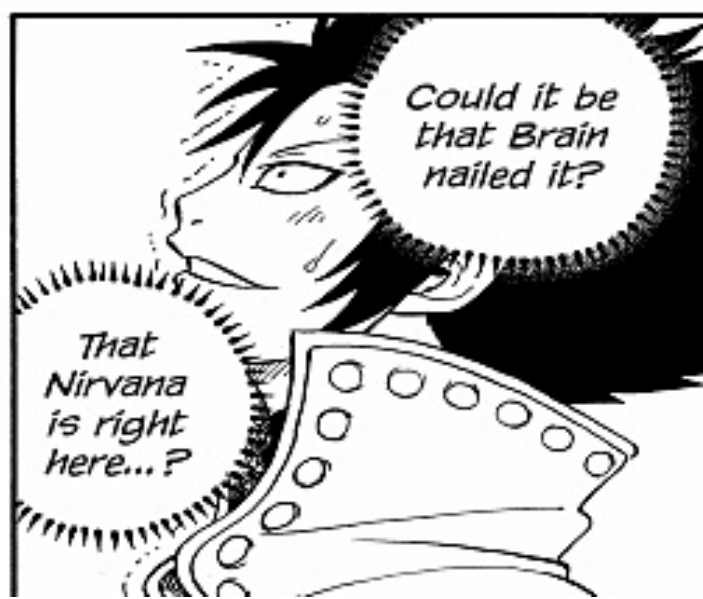
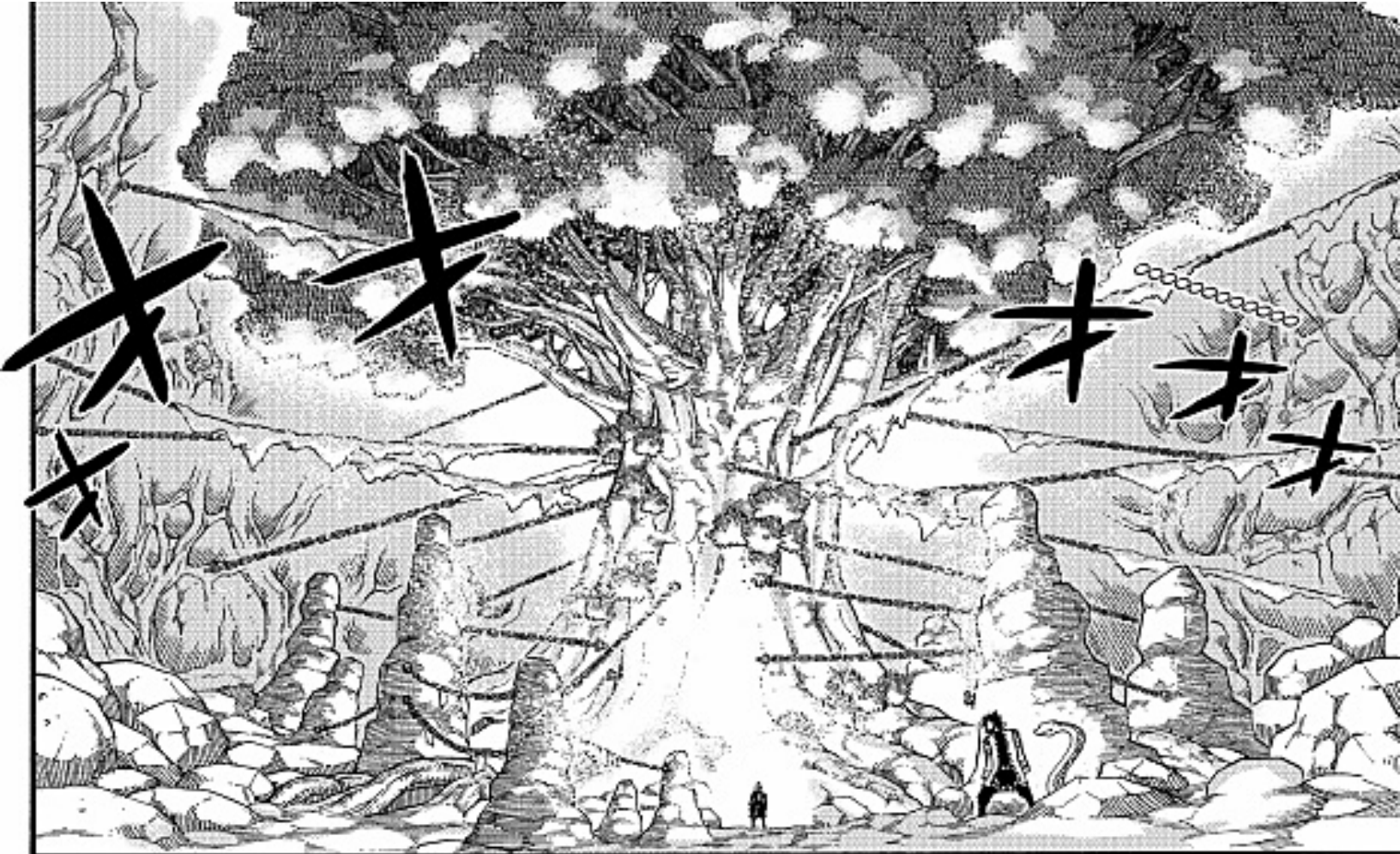
They say
Jellal did
terrible
things to
Erza-
san...

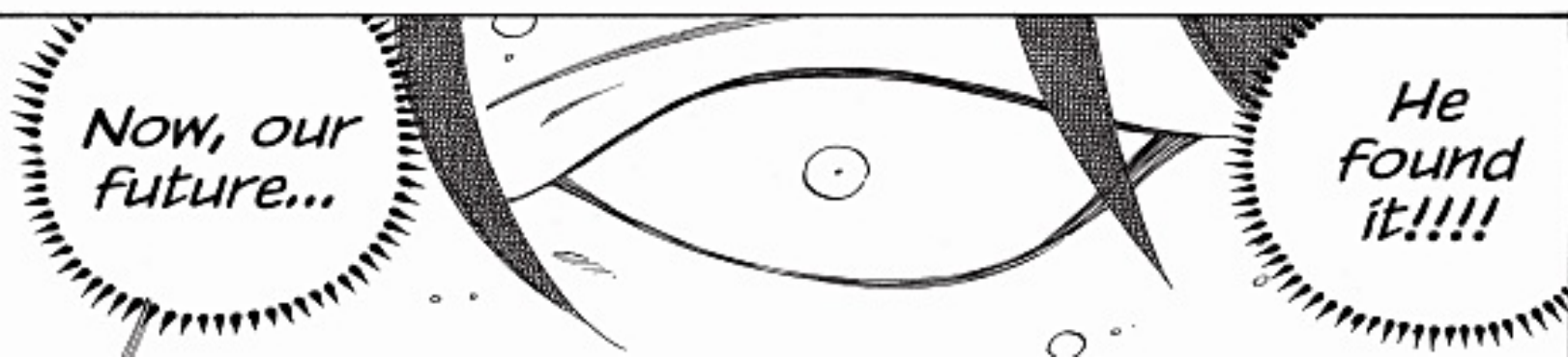
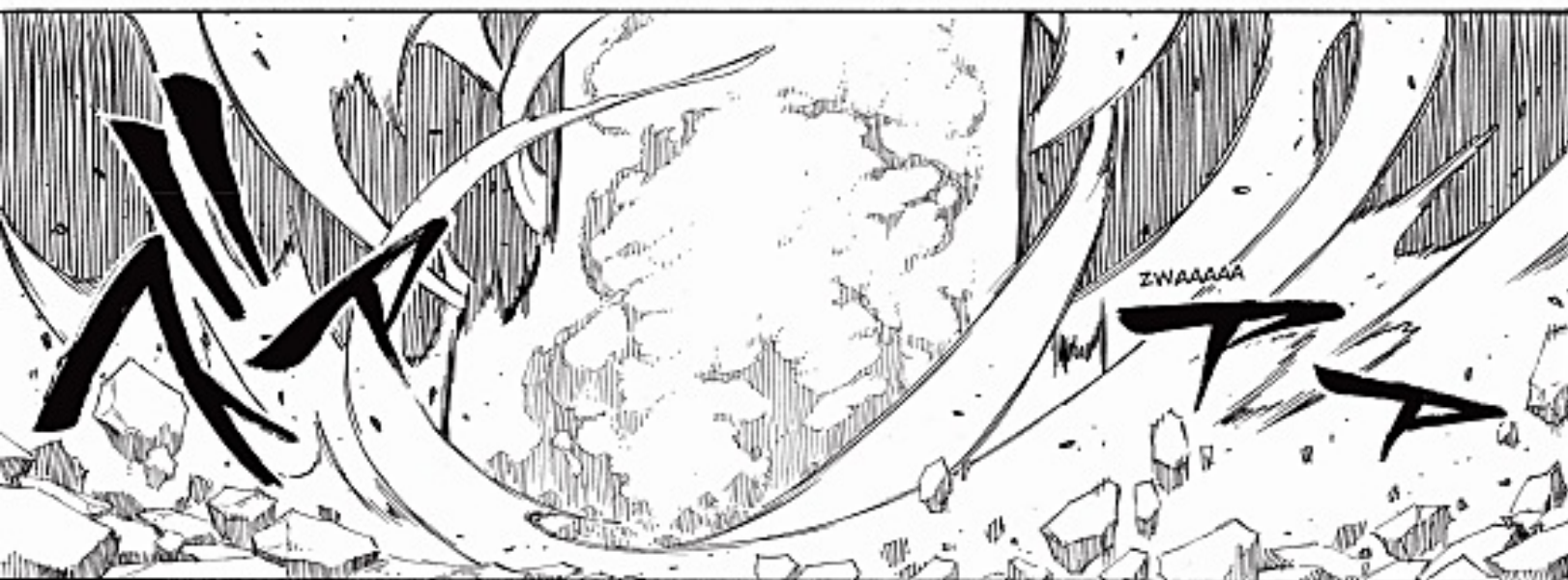


はぁはぁはぁ
PAAAAA

He
couldn't
have...







And?!

There's
no more
poison in
Erza-san's
body.

I've
finished.

Ohh!

Yeah
!!!

Mm...

Wendy!

Once
and only
once.

Carla!!

All right!!!

Lucy, high
five!!!

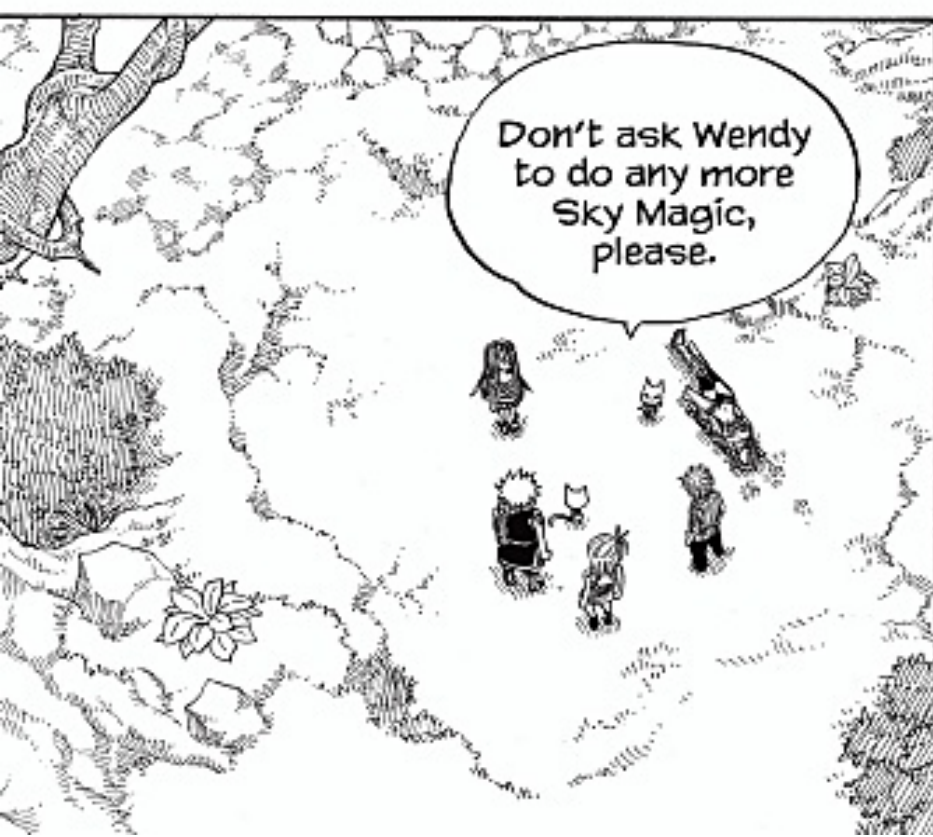


**Thank
you!**



But
she's
out of
danger.

I doubt
she'll be
able to wake
up for a
while.



Don't ask Wendy
to do any more
Sky Magic,
please.



Now,
listen.



Is this
what Sky
Magic
can do?

Amazing!
Her color is
truly much
better now.

You're
too
close!



Now when
Erza-san
awakens, it'll
be time for
our counter-
attack.



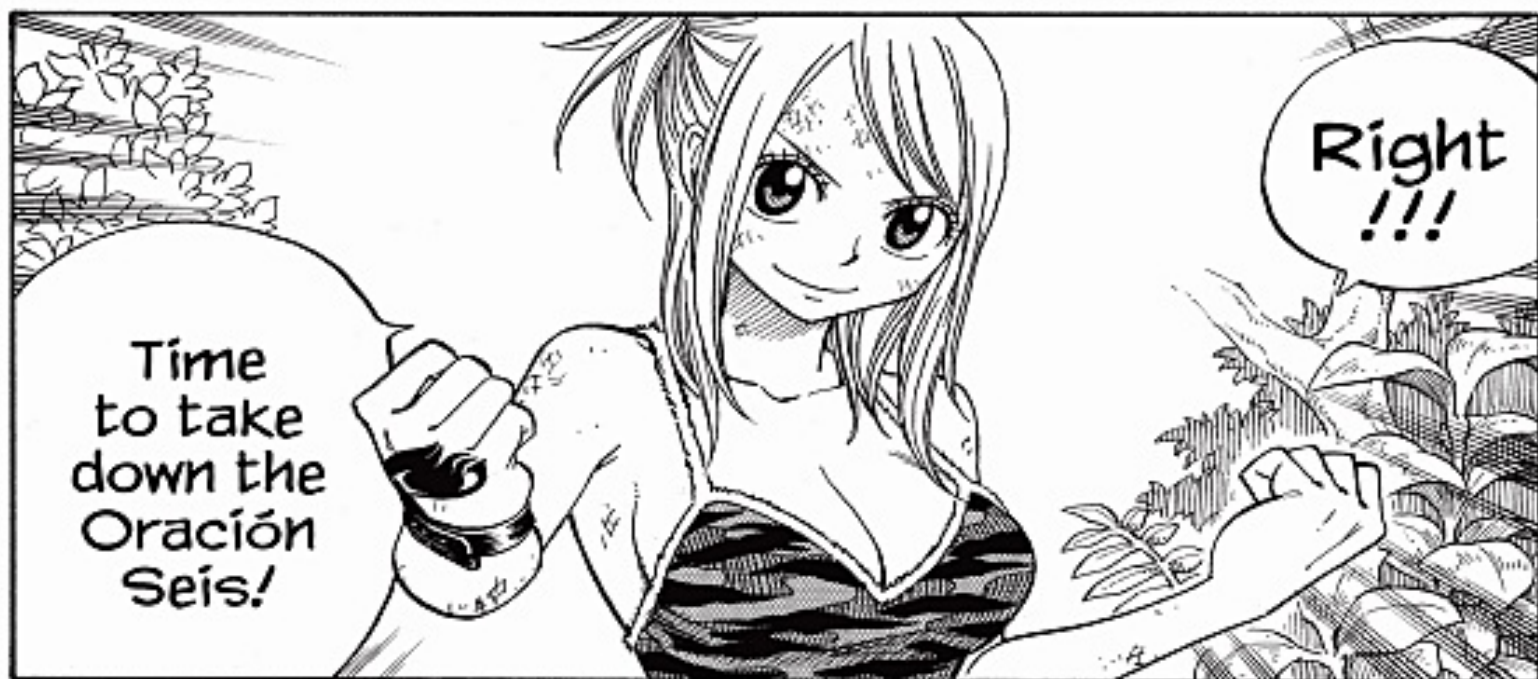
But
what I
did...



Don't worry
about me!

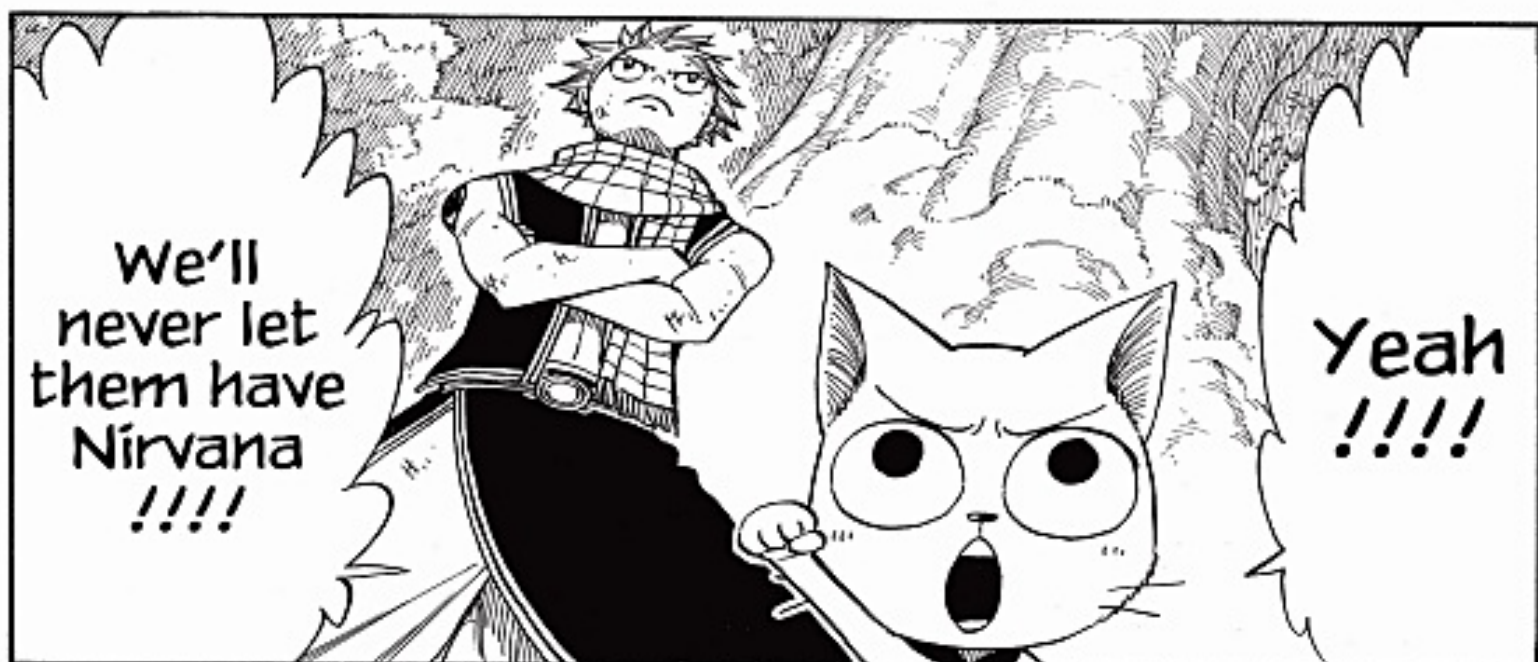


As you can
see, this magic
uses quite a lot
of her magical
strength.



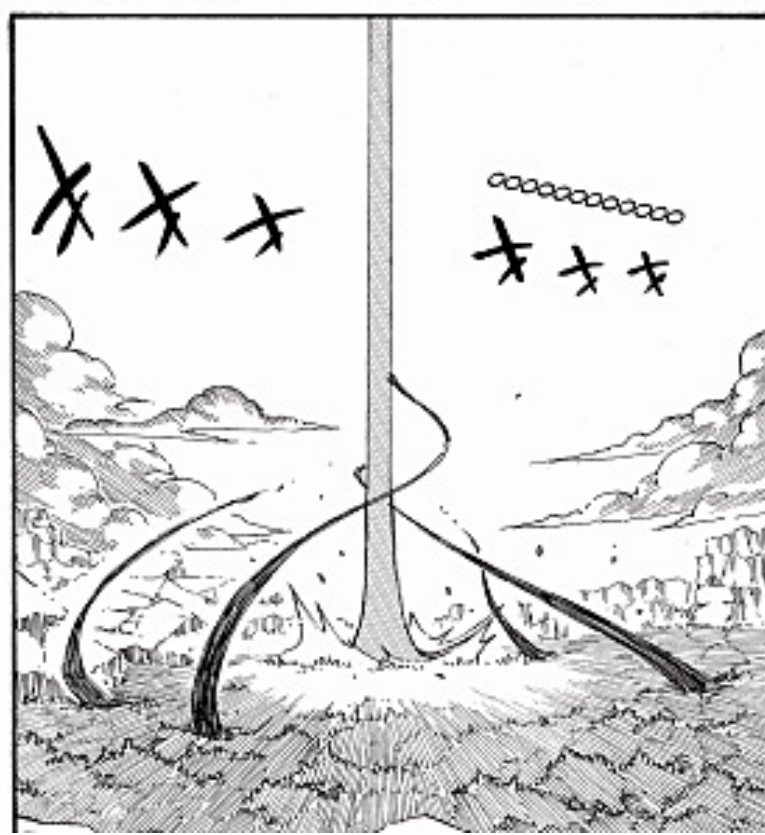
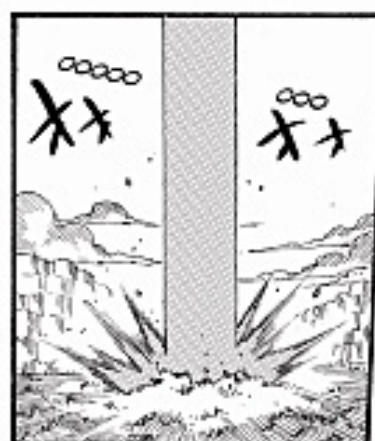
Time
to take
down the
Oración
Seis!

Right
!!!



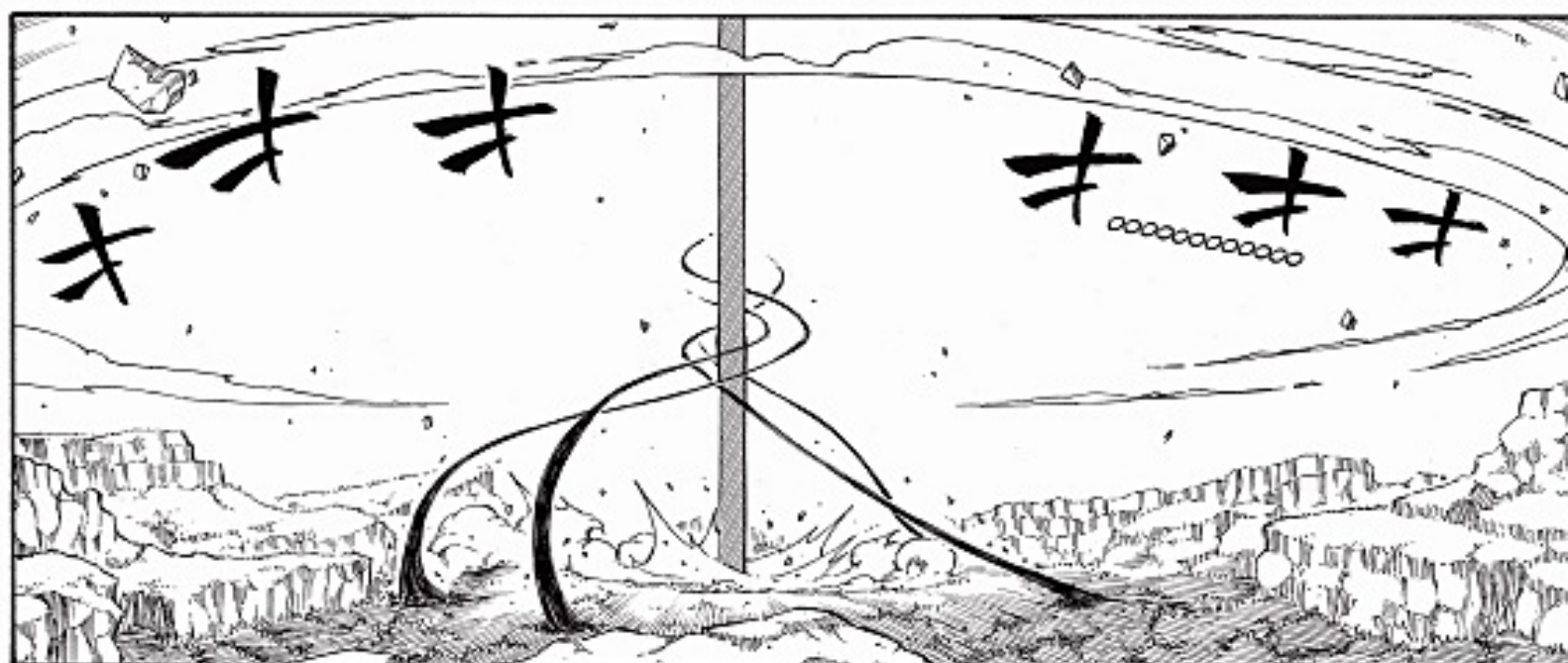
We'll
never let
them have
Nirvana
!!!!

Yeah
!!!!

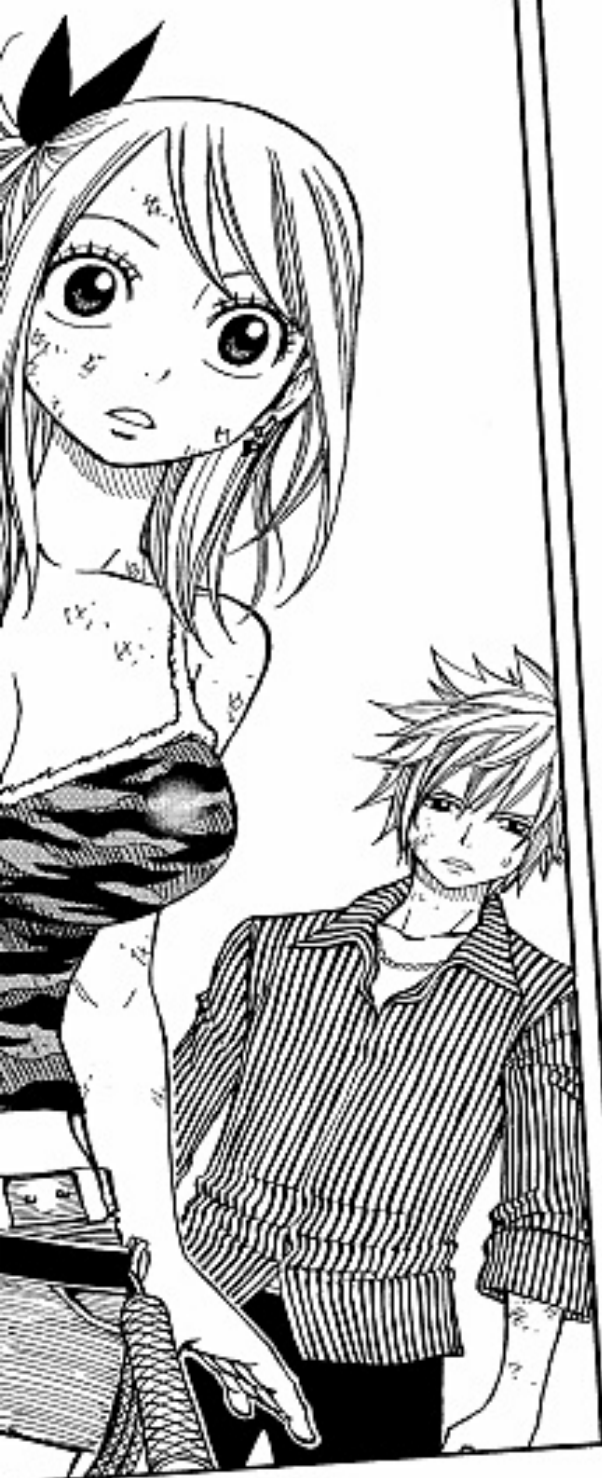










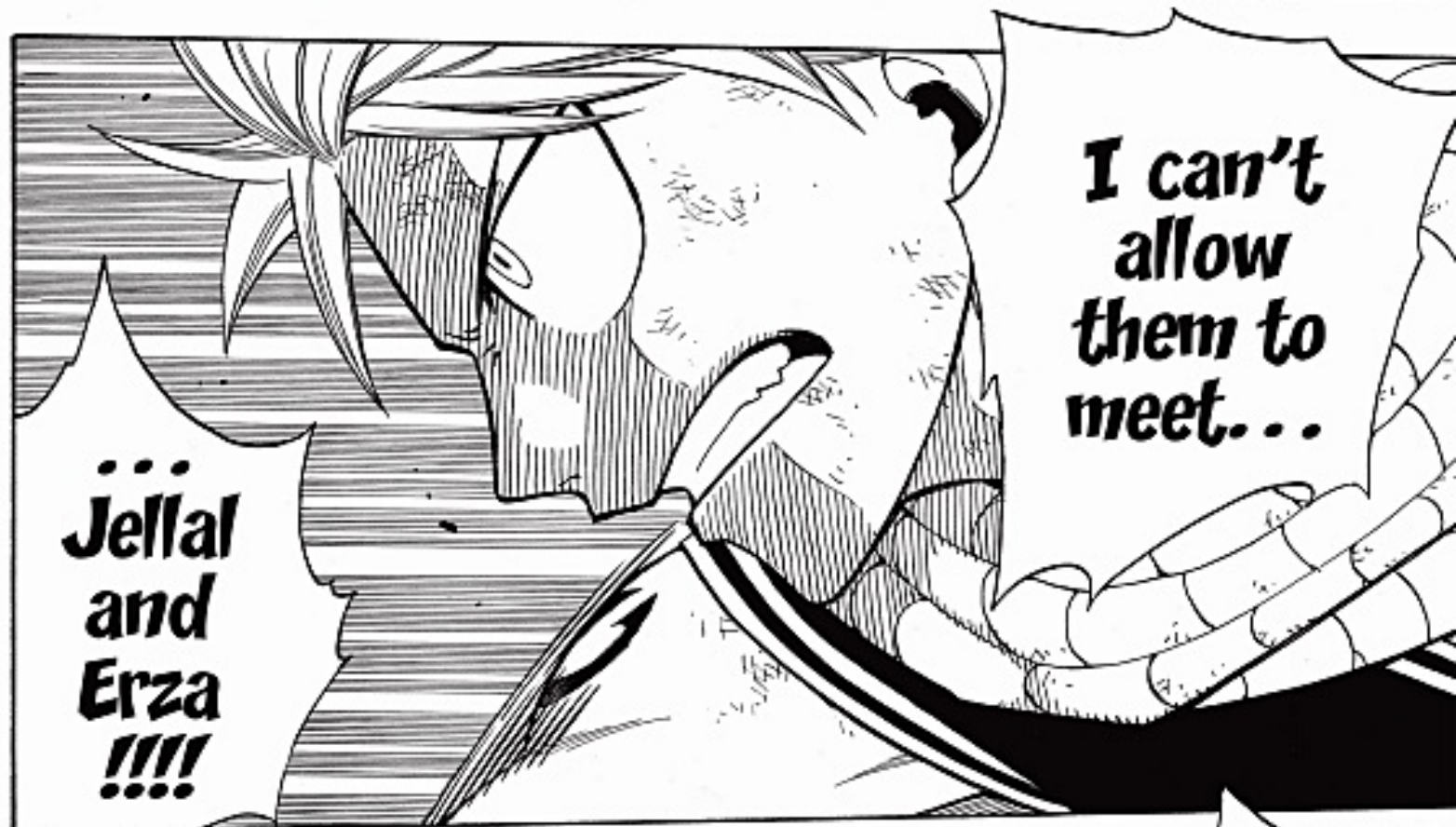


JELLLAL!!





**That's
where
Jellal is
!!!!**



FAIRY TAIL

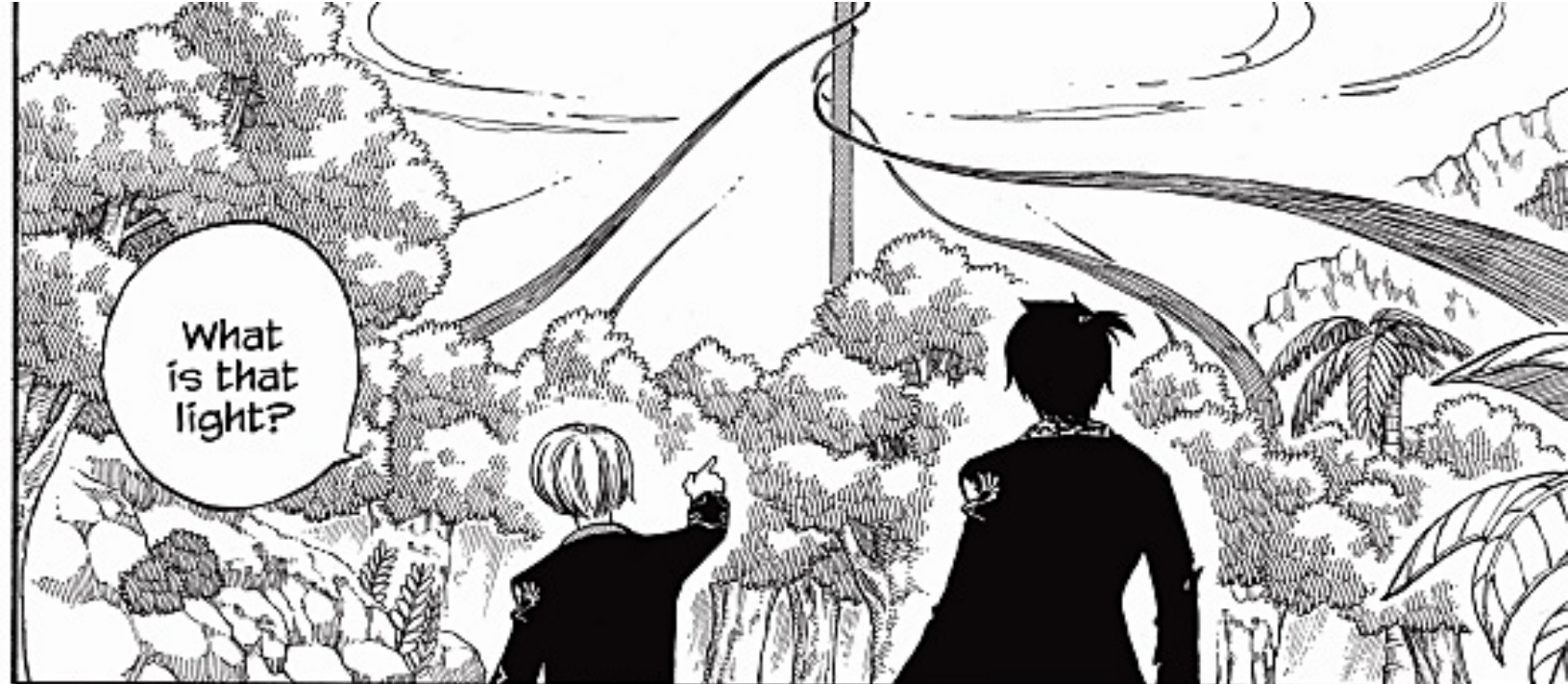
フェアリーテイル



Remarks

An Air Magic wizard working at the Blue Pegasus guild. Air Magic allows one to send waves of air, steal the oxygen out of the air around one's opponent, and more. It's pretty difficult magic to face. He placed tanning lacrima in the guild's training gym and sauna, so his perfect tan is due to the guild's support and lacrima crystals.

A Tanning Lacrima is a magic item meant to give artificial sun tans. By adjusting the lacrima's memory, you can tan to any shade you want in five minutes. The dial can be set to some mysterious number like 61, 63, or 65. Ren's is set to 61 - 61.5.







It was...
Nirvana!

What was
that...?!

However...
I *do* smell
the scent of
money...

It only
means that
the seal was
just broken.

Mwa ha
ha!!

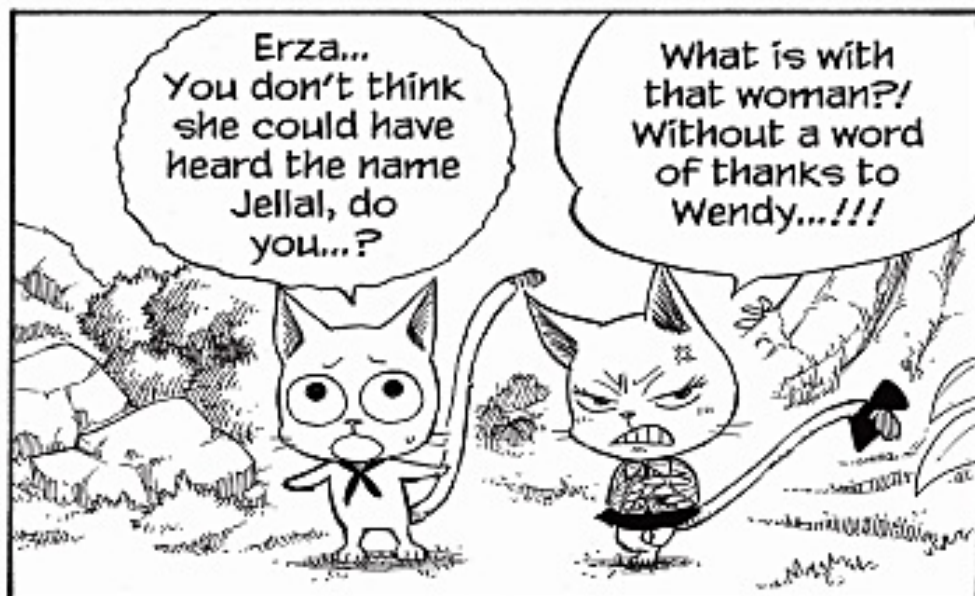
The main
body is
not op-
erational
yet.

But
relax.

Should I
fight him...?
Should
I stop
Nirvana
...?

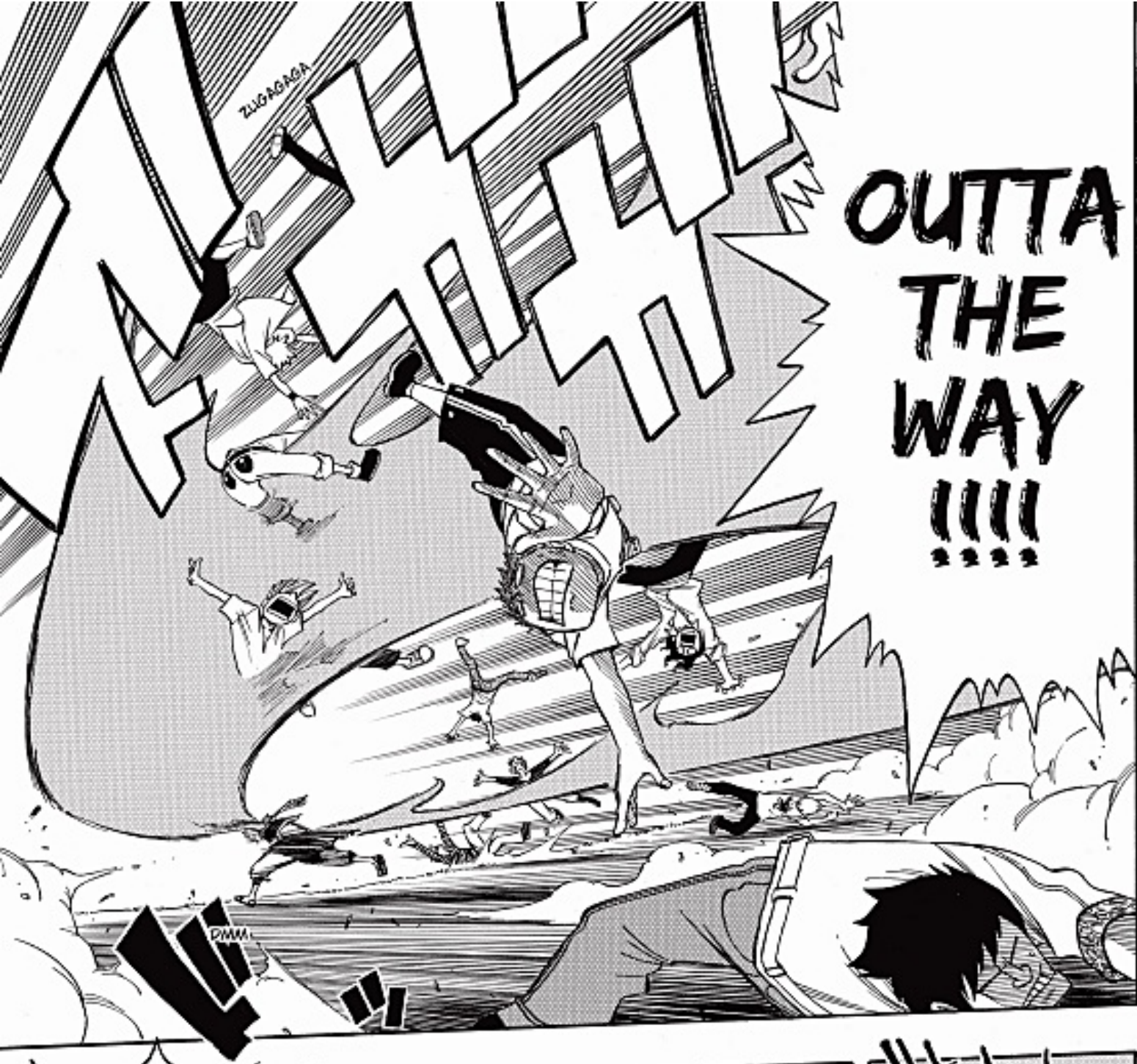
I don't have
time to waste
battling this
guy...

Still... the
reason we
came here
is to punish
the Oración
Seis!!









**OUTTA
THE
WAY
!!!!**

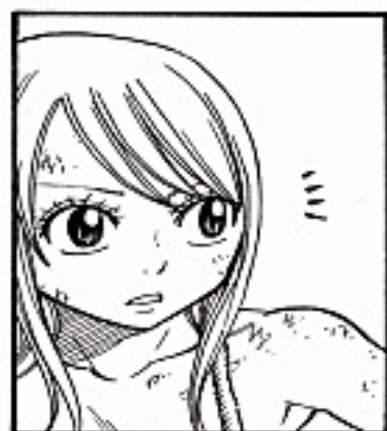


**You
won't
even get
close
!!!!**

I can't let
him get
anywhere
near Erza!

GWAHAAAAH!!







It's because emotions like guilt are negative feelings. If I hadn't put her out, she might have fallen into the darkness.



"It's because I cured Jellal..."



"It's all my fault..."

So that's why you made Wendy unconscious...



POING
Natch

You really are an idiot!

What'll we do?! I don't get this!



If that rage was for the sake of someone else, then I couldn't say conclusively that it's a negative feeling.

I can't say...

Wait a second!! Wouldn't "rage" be the same? Then Natsu would be in danger, right?!!



When people start thinking in terms of good and evil, it brings on negative feelings without even intending it.

That's why I couldn't tell anyone about the magic.



...those whose hearts are moved by justice. or by evil, will find their personalities reversed.

In other words, when the seal was broken on Nirvana...







But who
is next?
One of his
cronies?
Those
of Fairy
Tail?

I have
avenged
you, Lyon-
sama...



Moneeey
!!!!

Money
....!!!!

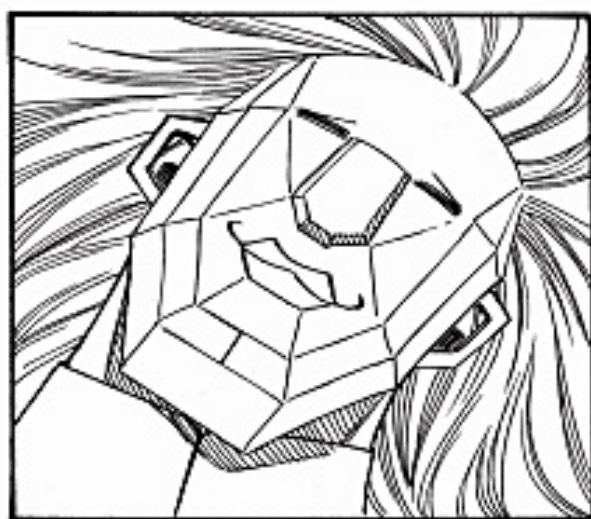
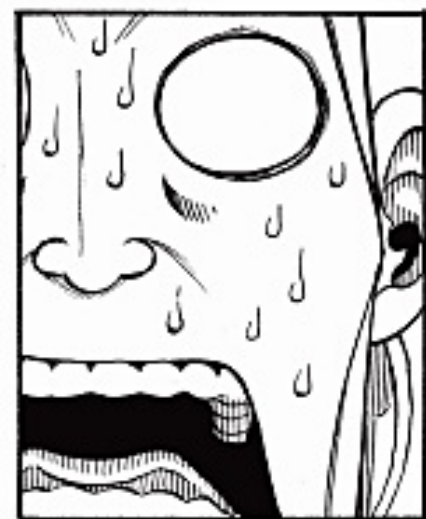
Money
!!!

Money
!!!

Wh-
What is
going on
here...?

SHIVER

O
h
h
h
h
h
!!!





Now...I've also decided to foreswear war.

Eh...?



I've...been desperate to reunite with my brother after we were separated... I thought that if I had money, I could find him.

But...I've just realized what a mistake that is.



What a word that is! Overflowing with sweetness and compassion!

The world is filled with Oh, love!!!

yes!! Love!!!

TWIRL TWIRL TWIRL

TWIRL TWIRL



U... Um...

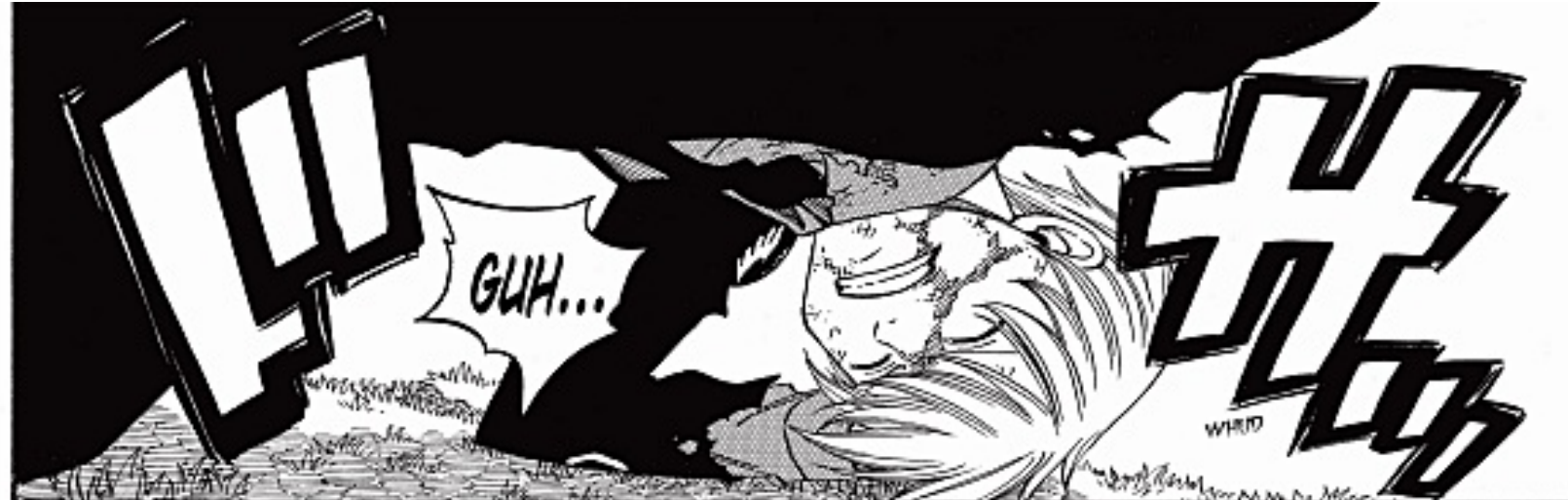


We shall give them lessons in the wonders of love!!!

Now...we shall go together to stop the plans of my former fellows!!!



And as long as there is love in the world, nothing is impossible!!!







That
can be easily
accomplished
with Nirvana.

...or
the guild
might attack
another for
no reason.

...members of
the guild might
unscrupulously
kill their
comrades

...



**Unless
we stop it
quickly...**

**...all the
guilds of
light will be
wiped out!**

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテール



Chapter 143: Celestial Spirit Brawl

Remarks

The magic of this recent arrival to the Blue Pegasus guild is powerful enough to turn everything visible into a winter wonderland in an instant. His attacks use "snow rocks" and cause avalanches. Before joining the guild, he interned with the Magic Council's enforcement and investigation squad, the Rune Knights. But when the Council was disbanded in disgrace, Eve realized that he needed a new future and decided to enter a guild.

You'd
better be
preparing
your soul
for death
!!!!

Jellal
!!!!

Gray
?!!

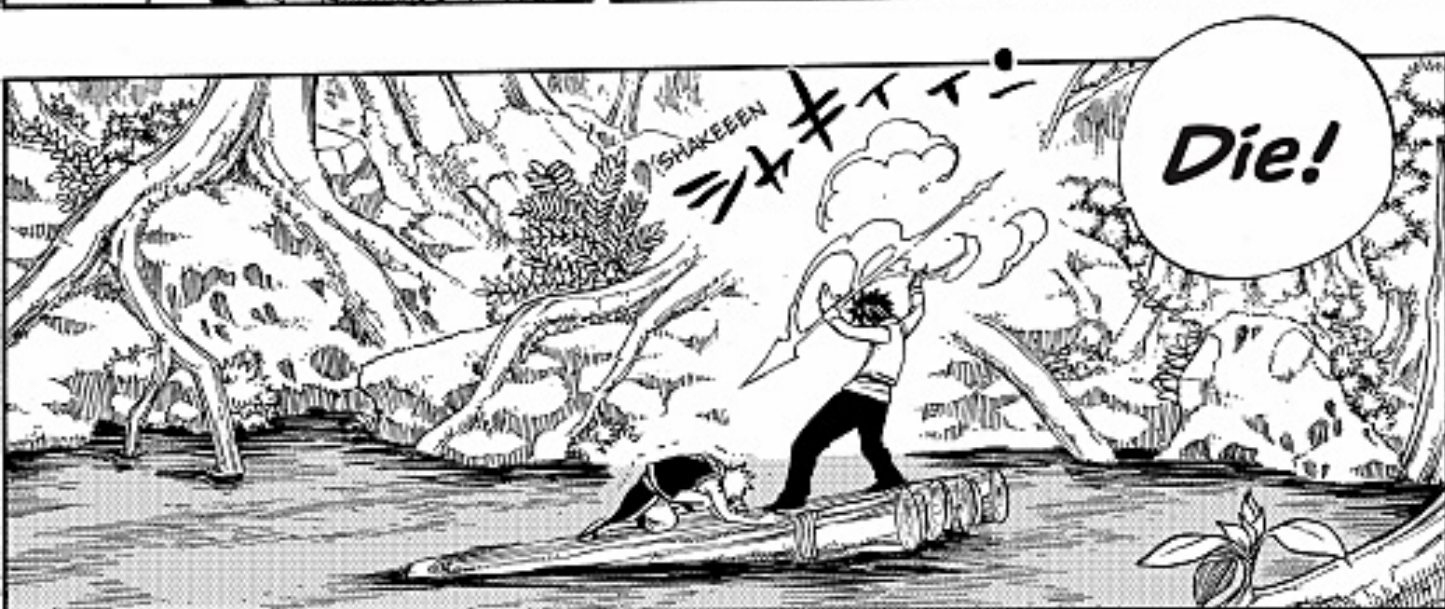
Hm?

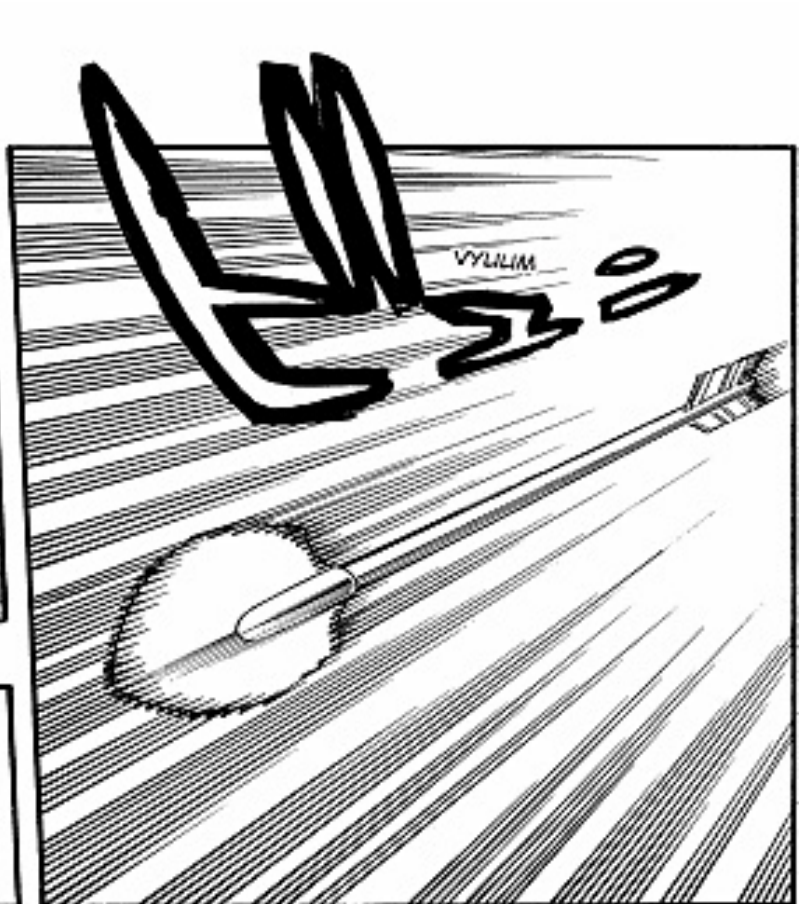
H-Hey!

What
happened
with that
fast guy?

What do you
think you're
doing here?!!









It's stopped, so pull yourself together !!!

It's... moving... and rocking...and rocking me...



Wh-What's this supposed to mean? That Gray has fallen into darkness...?



You stay out of this, Lucy!



Lu...cy...



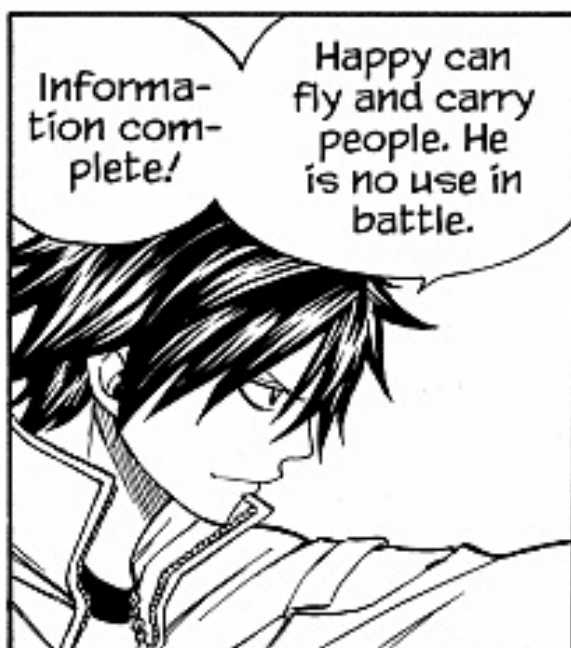
PACHIKK

Hmph!



BYUUUUU

Natsu!! I'll save you!!!



Information complete!

Happy can fly and carry people. He is no use in battle.



What did you do to Happy ?!

Male cat!!



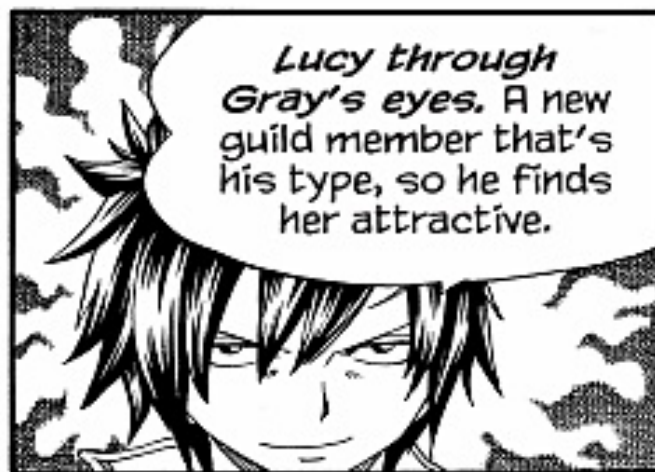
POGEEEH III

GAKEEEN

Huh? Wh-
What's that
mean?!



*Lucy through
Gray's eyes.* A new
guild member that's
his type, so he finds
her attractive.



He's
fallen
into
dark-
ness...

What are
you talk-
ing about?
Gray... Snap
out of it...

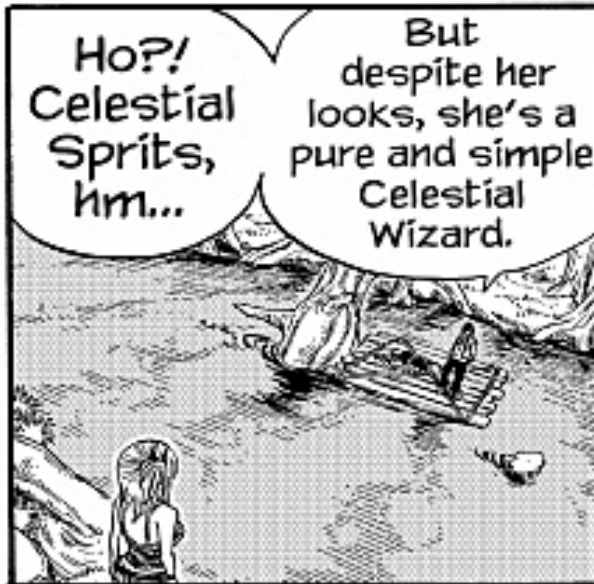


Now
that's
interest-
ing!!!



Ho?!
Celestial
Sprits,
hm...

But
despite her
looks, she's a
pure and simple
Celestial
Wizard.



I'm
wrong...



Hibiki through Gray's eyes.
Handsome member of Blue Pegasus. No known details.

Tsk! Not enough info.

Huh?
He isn't Gray?!

Who are you?

You're not Gray at all.



Gray isn't the type to be swayed by that!

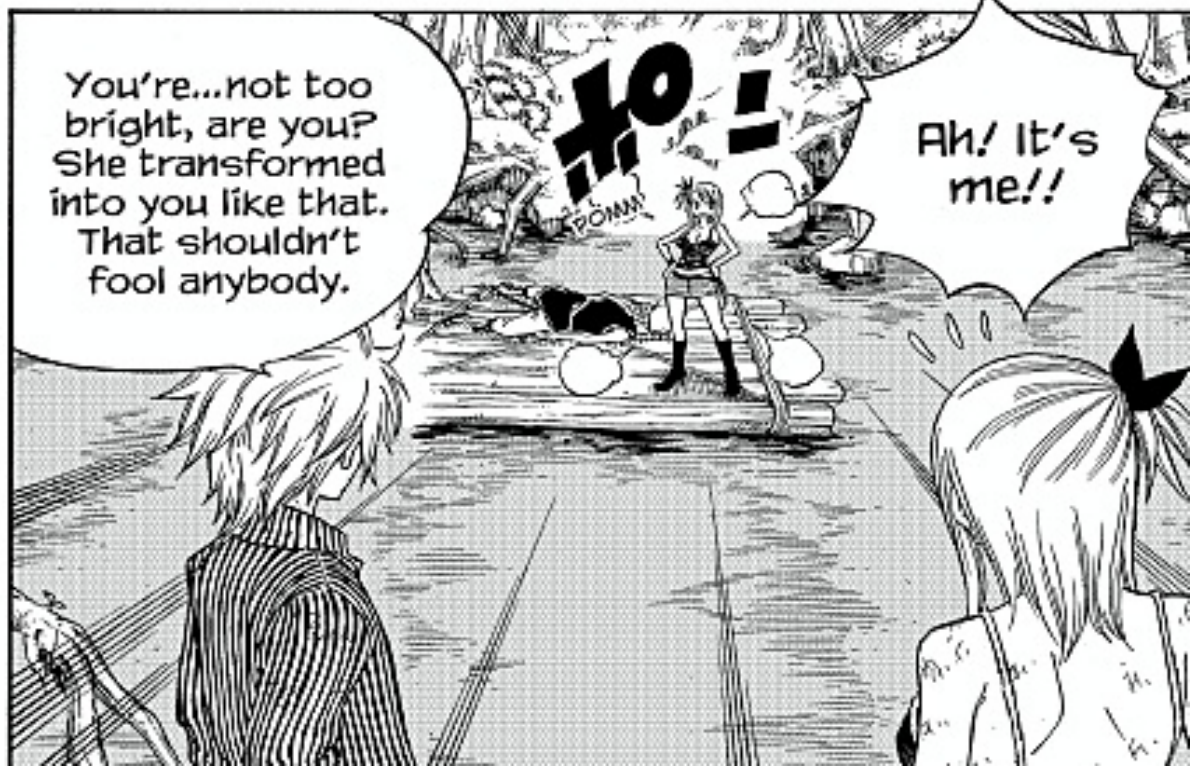
That's right! For him to fall into darkness, he has to be on the edge already with negative feelings.

Just who are you?

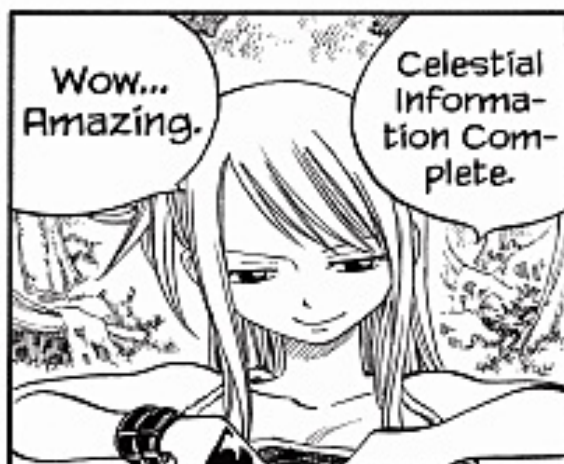
I wonder? Your type of man has a weakness for girls, right?

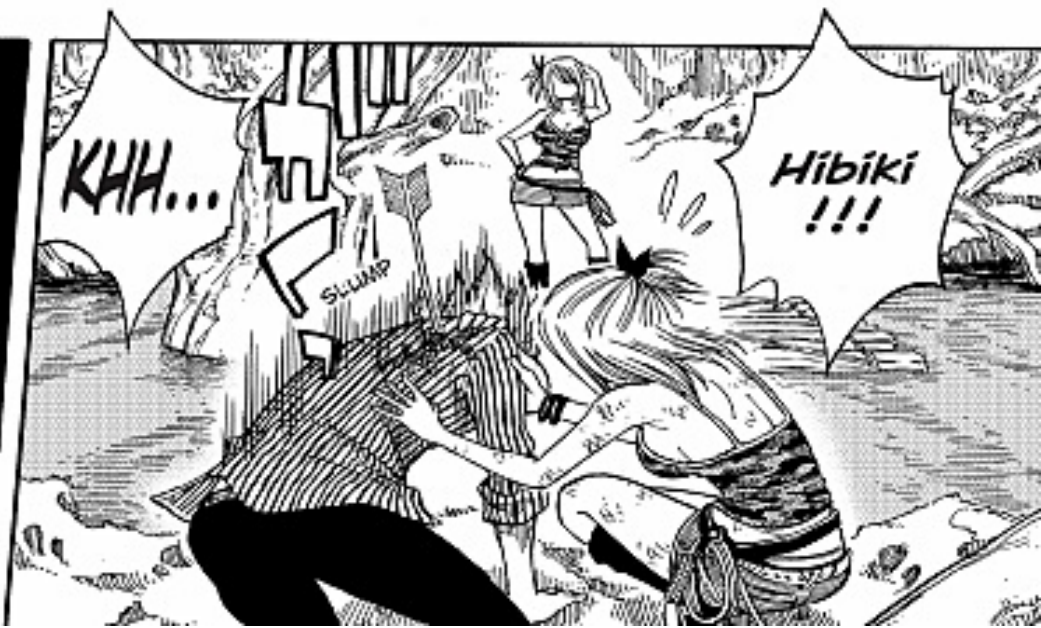


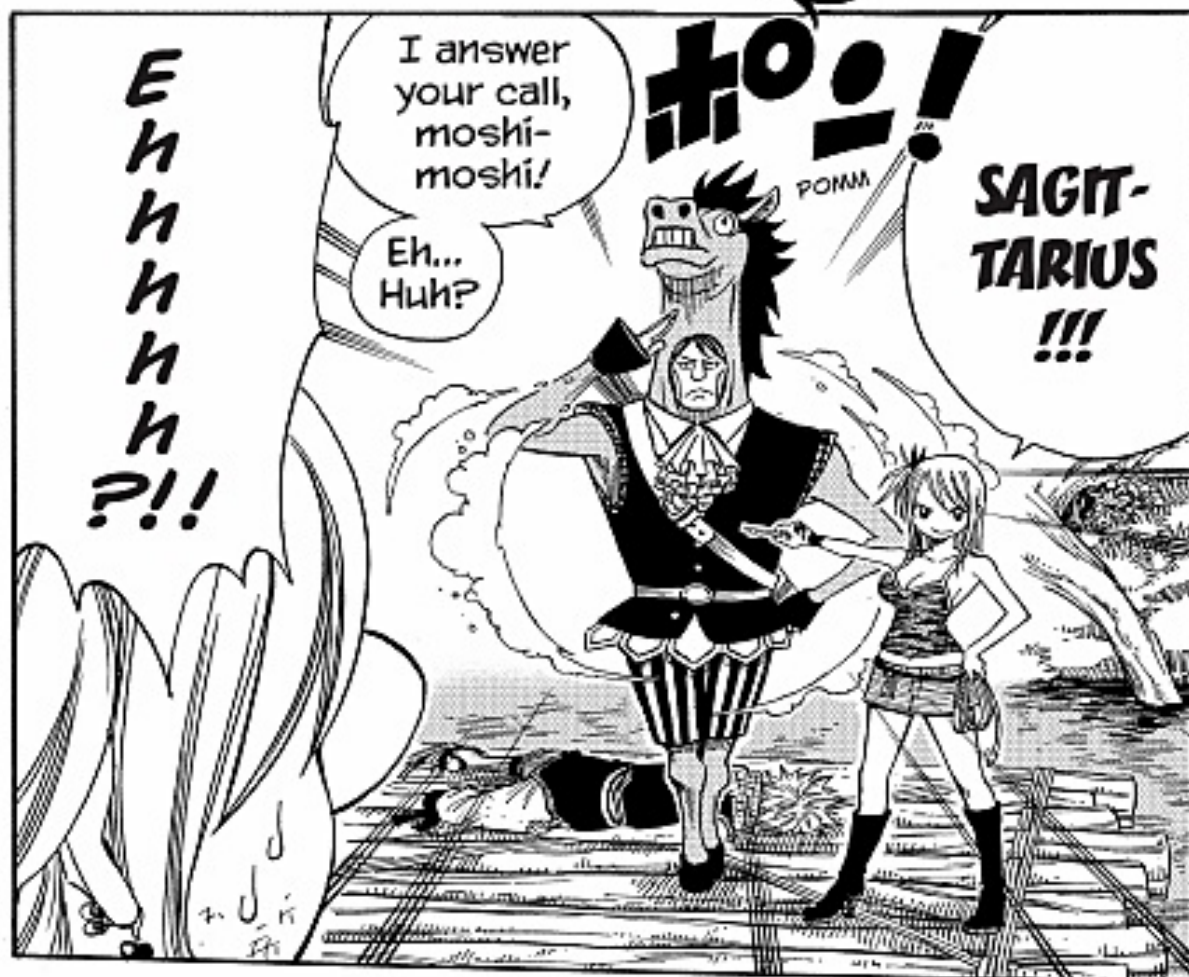
You're...not too bright, are you? She transformed into you like that. That shouldn't fool anybody.



Ah! It's me!!









Pīirīi!
Pīirīi!

And these kids
can make a perfect
simulation of a
human's looks,
abilities, thought
process...everything!
A complete copy!
They're the twins,
Gemí and Miní!

One
of the
Oración
Seis
?!!

I'm a
Celestial
Wizard too,
you know.

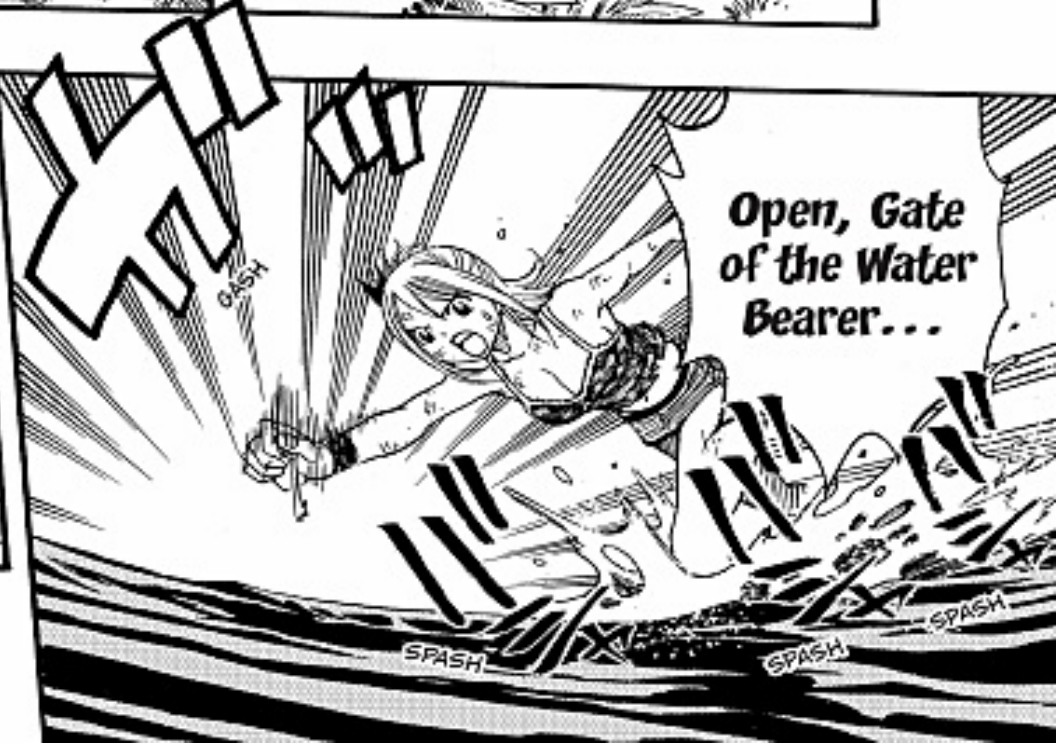
They're the
spirits of the
Twin's Gate,
Gemini.

Gemí and
Miní?

Also the
Oración Seis
don't have any
possibility of
turning
good!

So
hoping
for a
break like
that will
get me
killed!

I have to
make sure
that we don't
descend into
darkness...





Everybody's
going down
together
!!!!



From the
start...?!

That was
my plan
from the
start!!!

GM
GM
GM
GM



Get her!!! Get me
along with her if
you have to!!!!



**SCORPIO
!!!!**



One
of the
twelve
gold
keys
?!!



Eh?

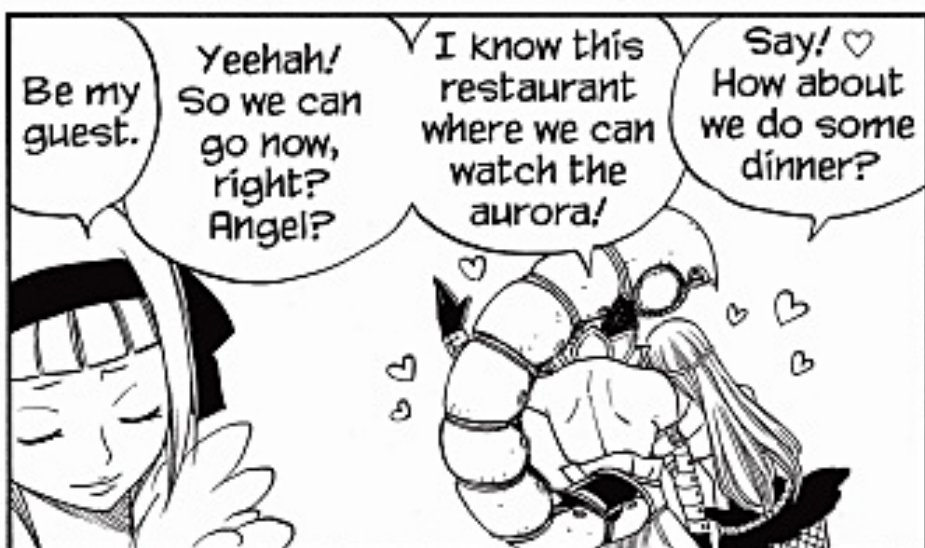


Open,
Gate of the
*Scorpion
Palace!*



*Yee-
haah
!!!!*

*yay
!!!!*





If you don't know the compatibilities between Celestial Spirits, little girl, you'll never beat me, you know!



Noooo !!!



What'll I do... She just took away my strongest spirit...



No... I've got one more!!!

My best Celestial Spirit!!!





Your
prince has
arrived!!!

**Open!!!
Gate of
the Lion
Palace!!!!
Loke!!!!**



Nothing
could be
simpler.



Please!!
If we
don't
defeat
her, the
guild
will...!!!



L-Leo...



**Open,
gate of
the white
ram!**



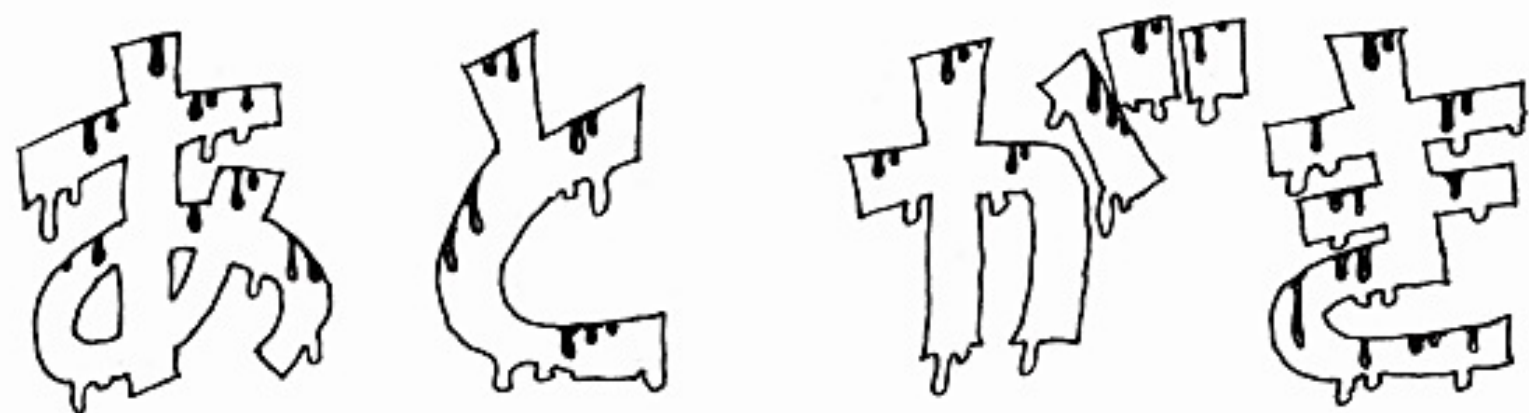
Heh.

Didn't I
just say how
important
compatibili-
ties are?



TO BE CONTINUED

Afterword



“You look like a criminal in your picture for Volume 16!!” is how everyone around me criticized the picture. So this time, you get my regular face... or so I thought, but I can’t seem to get a good picture! For some reason, I seem to be in the habit of scowling whenever a picture is taken. Since what seems like forever, people have said that I’ve got an evil look in my eyes, and when a picture is being taken, it only seems to get worse. So how does a person come up with a natural-looking smile? It’s hard!

On a different subject, here in Volume 17, I did it again. An earth-shaking twist!! Jellal’s back...!! Yeah, sorry about that. I just wasn’t thinking ahead. (laughs) but when I say things like, “I just wasn’t thinking ahead,” I get letters from fans telling me that when I say such things, it makes them uneasy. I guess so... I guess any fan would feel uneasy when the author of a work they love is an airheaded idiot. I know I say, “I wasn’t thinking ahead,” or, “I don’t know myself what’s coming up in the future,” but to be a stickler with words, what I really mean is, **“I haven’t quite decided which future to choose.”** That would be closer to the reality of the situation. With every new plot twist, it presents a number of different possibilities for the story to run. For example, with Jellal back in the picture, I have come up with three different ways that the big picture can play out. I also have come up with quite a few different ways the story will flow until it gets to those three conclusions. This is how I usually work, imagining a wide variety of possibilities. So please, don’t worry. I’m busy every day, worrying over the best way to create a fun, engaging manga that will meet everybody’s expectations. Well... There are still times when my mind is a complete blank, but you know how it is.

EMERGENCY REQUEST!

EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF FAIRYTAIL



: We're here in the "Emergency Request! Explain the Mysteries of Fairy Tail!" corner!!



: I've thought this a bunch of times before, but we actually don't explain all that many mysteries here.

Lucy: Don't say that out loud!!

Mira: Here's the first question for this time.

Why is Happy's stomach in Volume 16 blue instead of white?

Vol.
10



Vol.
16



: Th-That's just a mistake, right? And this isn't so much a question as pointing out the mistake.

Mira: There!! We've explained a mystery! Ding, ding!

Lucy:

Mira: Continuing on, this is the next question.

Has Elfman now learned to do Satan Soul?



Lucy: I wonder. Well, Mira-san? As his sister, what do you say?



: Not a chance.



: Whoa!! A decisive rejection!

Mira: That isn't what I mean. We each have separate and different magics. Even if they're similar.

Lucy: Eh? Is that right?

Mira: What my sister, Lisanna, used was *Animal Soul*. A Takeover using the power of animals.



: Really?

Mira: Elfman's is *Beast Soul*. It's a Takeover using the power of a monster.

Lucy: Uh-huh, uh-huh.

Mira: And mine is *Satan Soul*, a Takeover using the power of a devil.

Lucy: That certainly makes everybody seem different. But are monsters and devils in different categories?



: We've explained a mystery!
Ding, ding!



: And we have her signature,
ignoring Lucy's question!

Mira : Time for the next question.

*Most of the
names of guilds so
far have used the
names of mythical
beasts, but what's
the meaning of
Oración Seis?*



Lucy : If you want a literal
translation:
Oración = Prayer
Seis = Six
That's what the words
mean.

Mira : So the meaning of the
name is, "Six Prayers"?

Lucy : There's no mythical beast
name in that guild though,
huh?

Mira : Oh? Sure there is!

*Like
Cobra, for
example.*



: That isn't the name of
a guild! And it isn't a
mythical beast either!!!



: We've explained a
mystery! Ding, ding!

Lucy : A-And...the final question.

*Please tell me who Lucy
is in love with.*



Mira : I'd like to know, myself.

Lucy : There's nobody with that
distinction.



: We've explained a
mystery! Ding, ding!



: What? There's so little
interest?! But, wait! What's
that "Ding, ding," thing you
do every time?!

Mira : Ah? Whatever are
you talking about?



: I can't understand why
you'd play dumb about
that...

Mira : Eh heh heh! Well, for example,
even if it's something of a
dubious answer, if I say that
at the end, it sounds like the
mystery's been explained,
right?

Lucy : Just some psychological
trick?



: We've explained a
mystery! Brinning!



: Suddenly it changes!!!

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FAIRY GUILD



Shizuoka Prefecture, Haruka Hirayama

▼ Sherry with a makeover. I wonder if she'll show up a lot?



Tokyo, Reio

▼ His face is so big, it's busting out of the card!



Tokyo, Lio

▼ I've gotten lots of Wendy illustrations!!



Nara Prefecture, Yama-san

▲ Yeah, I didn't mean to, but I laughed. D-Dammit... Ha ha ha...



Osaka, Marumi Tokada

▼ This one's so cute, I have to put it in here!



Okayama Prefecture, Ayaka Ikeda

▼ Laxus and Natsu. I wonder if they're going to fight again.

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Tokyo, Kōchi Toyoda

▼ This is rather cute. It sort of brings a healing feeling.



Saitama Prefecture, Anzu Ama

▼ It's scary, but a kind of cute Gajeel.



Osaka, Nononchan

▼ The first Aries artwork in a while!! What'll happen to her next volume?



Osaka, Kaho ★

▼ Short-bangs Angel. Give my regards to Gemini.



Nara Prefecture, Shin Yamaguchi

▼ And so quickly after her first appearance is a Carla picture. She's looking annoyed!



Hiroshima Prefecture, Hasehiv

▼ An awakened Midnight. Just what kind of power does he have?



Niigata Prefecture, Nakanishi

▼ Cobra's so popular! Scary!



Shizuoka Prefecture, Kumi Ikegami

▼ His scarf is way too long!

Translation Notes:

Page 6, All's fair in money and war

Hoteye has an obsession with money, and as such, he tends to confuse classic proverbs by adding the word money in place of the original word. In Japanese, he took the proverb, *Koi ni jouge no hetate-nashi* ("Love doesn't recognize any higher or lower ranks") and changed the word for love, *koi*, to money, *okane*, to make his new proverb. This translation took an English proverb that also involved love (and the general idea) and substituted in "money."

Page 24, Priestess receiving the words of the Gods

In Japanese they were referring to the *miko* of ancient Japan who, unlike their modern counterparts, were the main priestesses of the Shinto religion. The first *miko* recorded is the Empress Himiko of the third-century Japanese country of Yamatai described in a small section of the Chinese epic, Romance of the Three Kingdoms.

**I'm taking
one of you
with me!!!!**



Page 119, I'm taking you with me!

What he said in Japanese was a phrase (*ichinin-issatsu* or "One Man, One Kill") that is a one of the slogans for the radical, ultra-nationalist right-wing extreme of Japanese politics. The movement espouses some violent ideals such as dying in order to kill someone else (*ichinin-issatsu*), and killing one for the good of many, (*issatsu-tashô*). On a lighter note, Japanese baseball has taken this same term of *ichinin-issatsu* to describe a relief pitcher who is called in to face one and only one batter before the next relief pitcher is brought in.

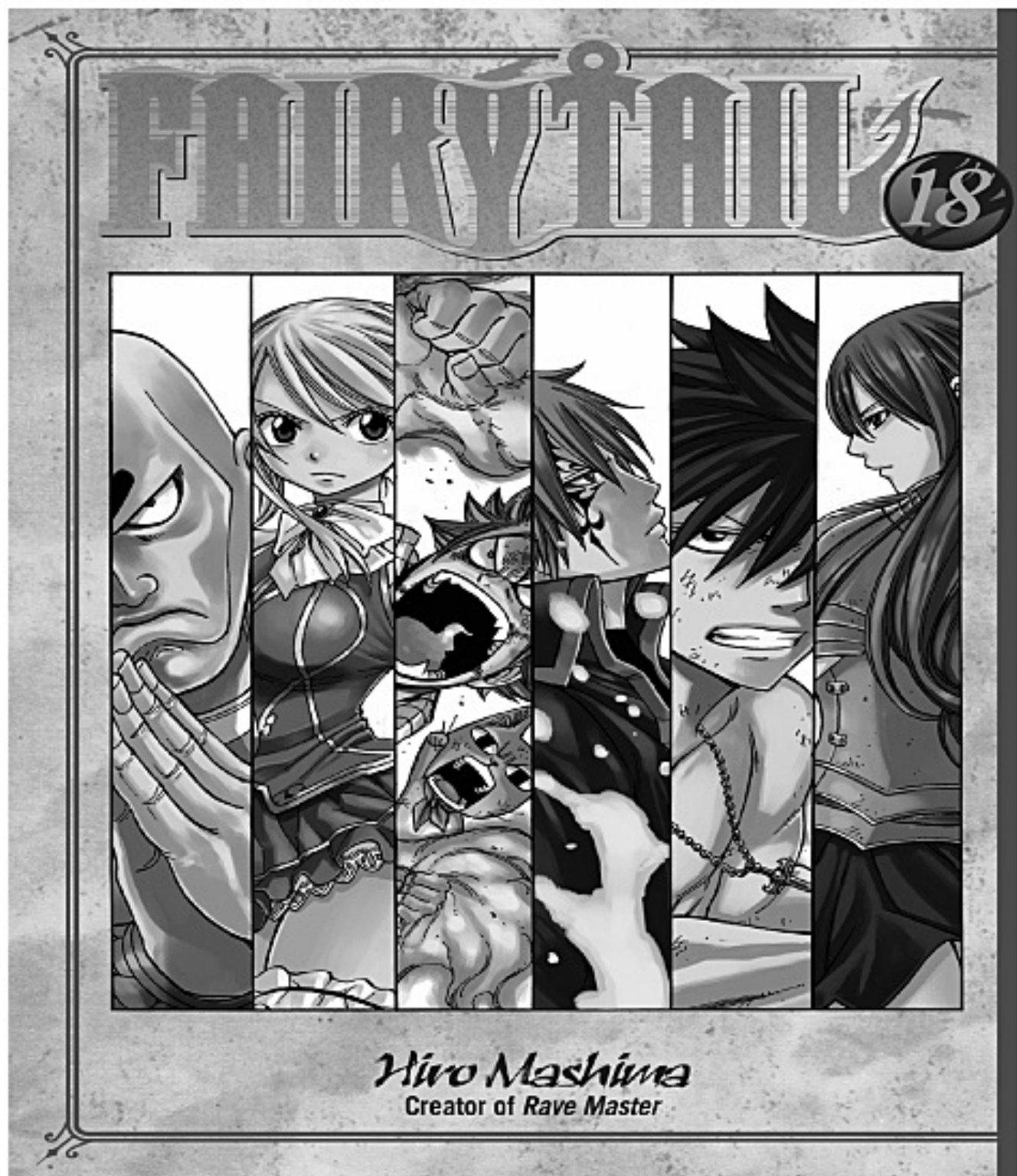
Page 183, There it comes

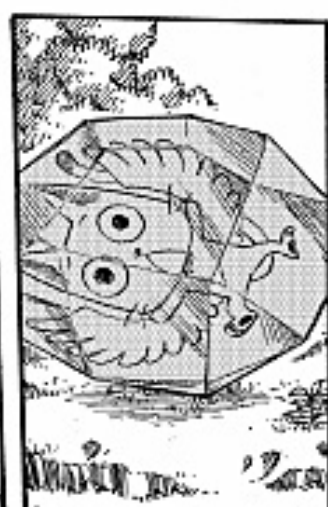
In Japanese, Lucy used the now-famous Japanese phrase *Kitaaaaa!* to describe the scene with Scorpio. The phrase which literally means "He/She/It is here!" was popularized by the novel-cum-entertainment phenomenon *Densha Otoko* (Trainman). Although the Trainman fad has come and gone, the phrase

still survives. I can't say I'm exactly sure just what Lucy is referring to. It could be the hand gestures which resemble the hand gestures of some good-looking Japanese male pop idols and celebrities. Or it could be the "boyfriend" himself.

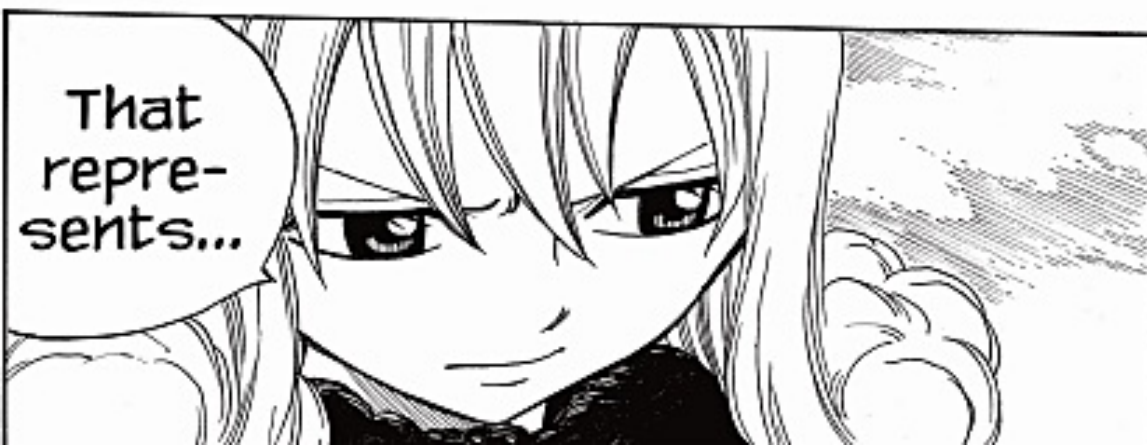
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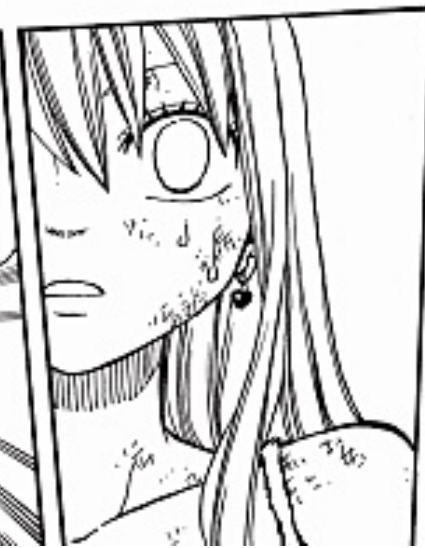
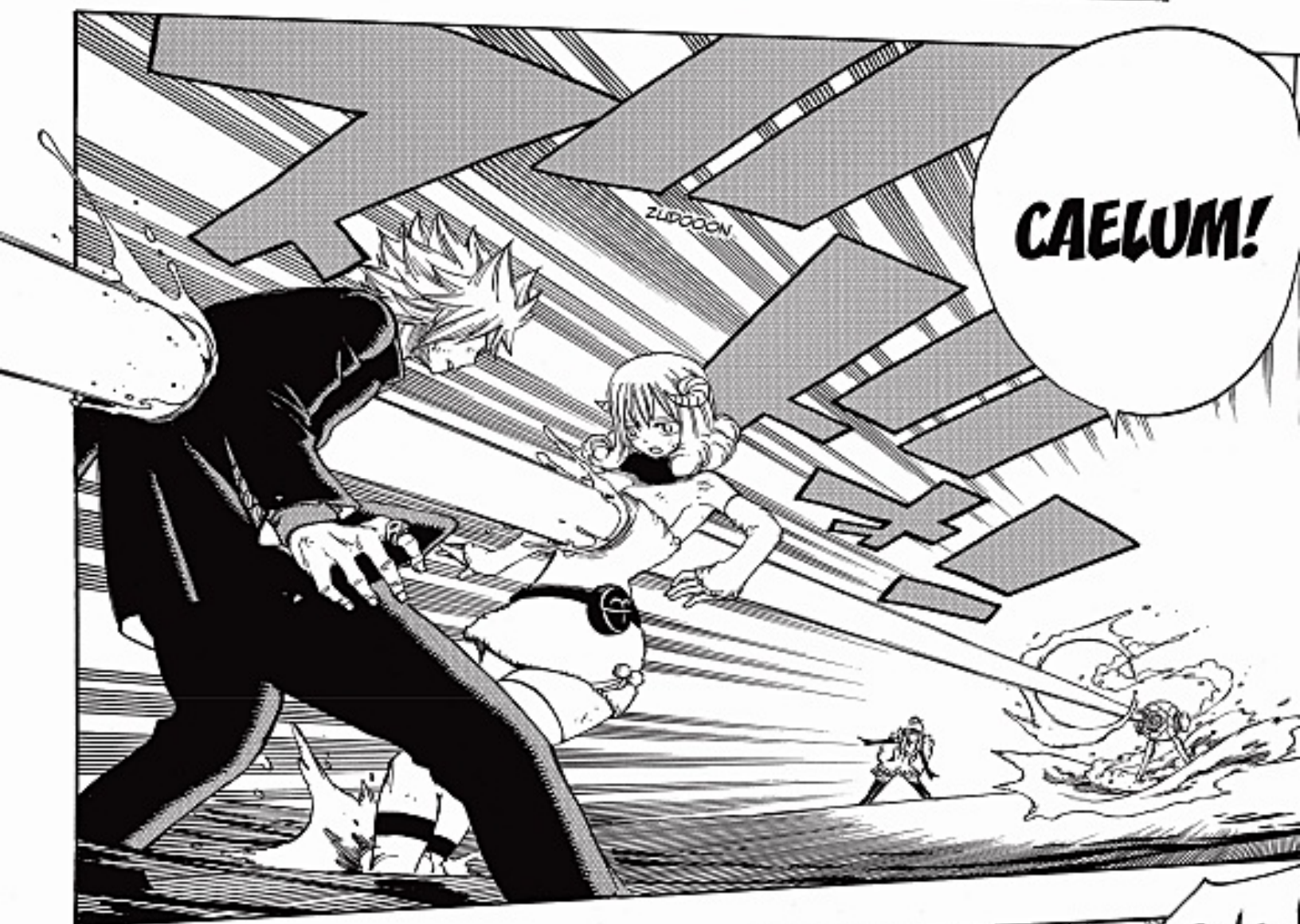














You've
found
a good
owner...

I'm so
glad...

I'm so glad...

Forgive me, Lucy...



She did that to her own Spirit...

Mmmm! ♡
And now you
won't be able
to use your oh-
so-powerful Leo
for a long, long
time!

Did you see
that? I just
did a Simulta-
neous Release
of two Spirits
at the same
time!

Did you see that? I just did a Simultaneous Release of two Spirits at the same time!

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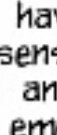
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*And
you call
your-
self a
Celestial
Wizard
?!!!*

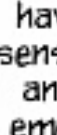
They have senses and emotions!

But they feel pain ...



They have senses and emotions!

But they feel pain ...



What's not to believe?
They're Spirits. They don't die, so what's the problem?

I don't believe it...

What's not to believe?
They're Spirits. They don't die, so what's the problem?

I don't believe it...

You don't have much magic power to start with, and there you go using it all up.

I...

HAHH
HAHH

Huh?

Eh?

PLASH

はし
はし

Agh!

THWACK

That can't be true...

HAHH

HAHH

Ah ha
ha ha
ha!

Ahh!

Ow—

Now
you've gone
and killed
yourself.
What an
absolute
fool!

GAKAK KAK KAK

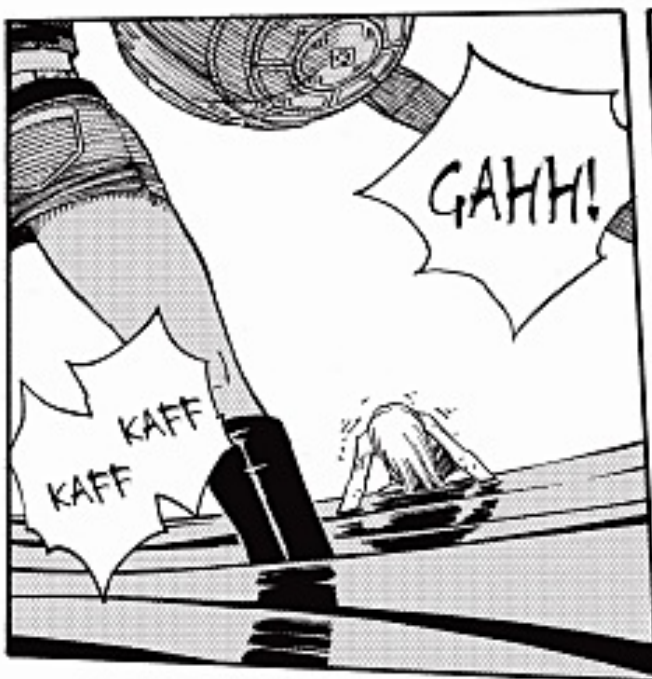
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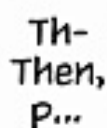
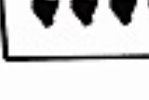
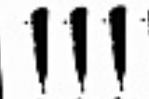
DOGRAK

WHUD

CRACK

ZLIGAM







The only ones
who can give
them that is
us Celestial
Wizards. Just
us...

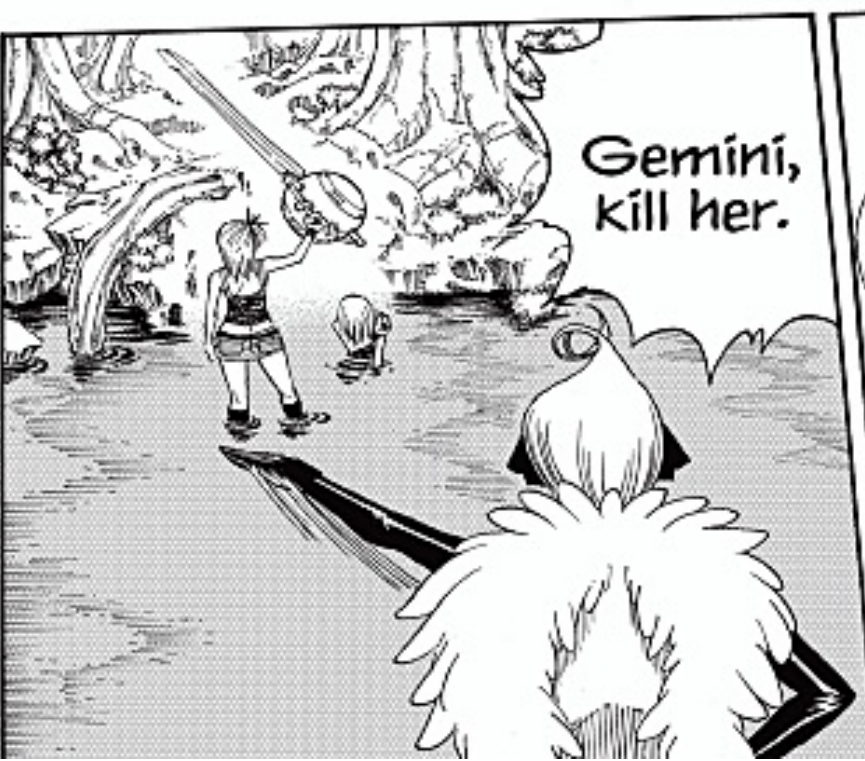
Let her be
together with
Loke...



I'll give you
whatever you
want... Not
my keys,
but anything
else!!!



With
nothing
in it for
me?

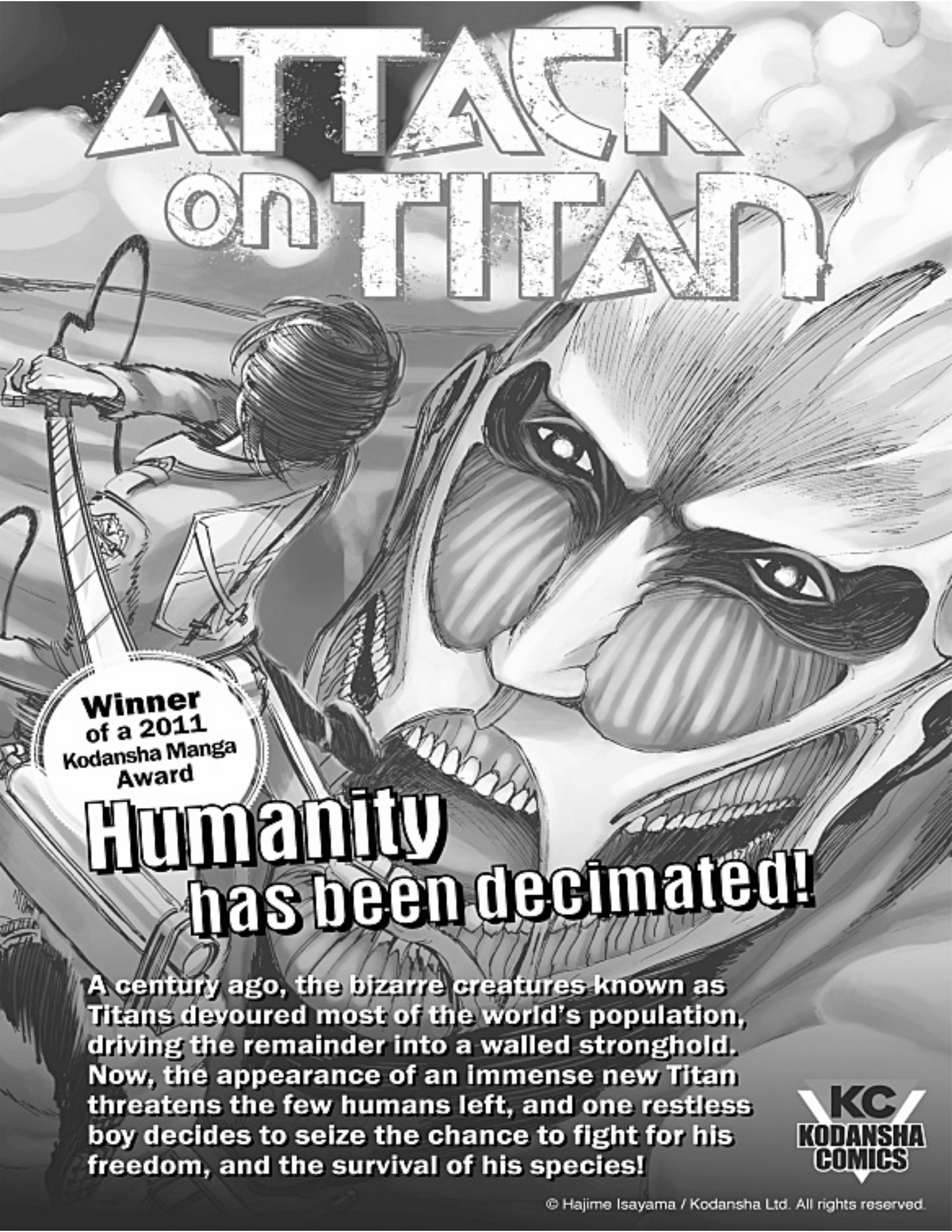


Gemini,
kill her.



Fine.
Your
life.

ATTACK ON TITAN

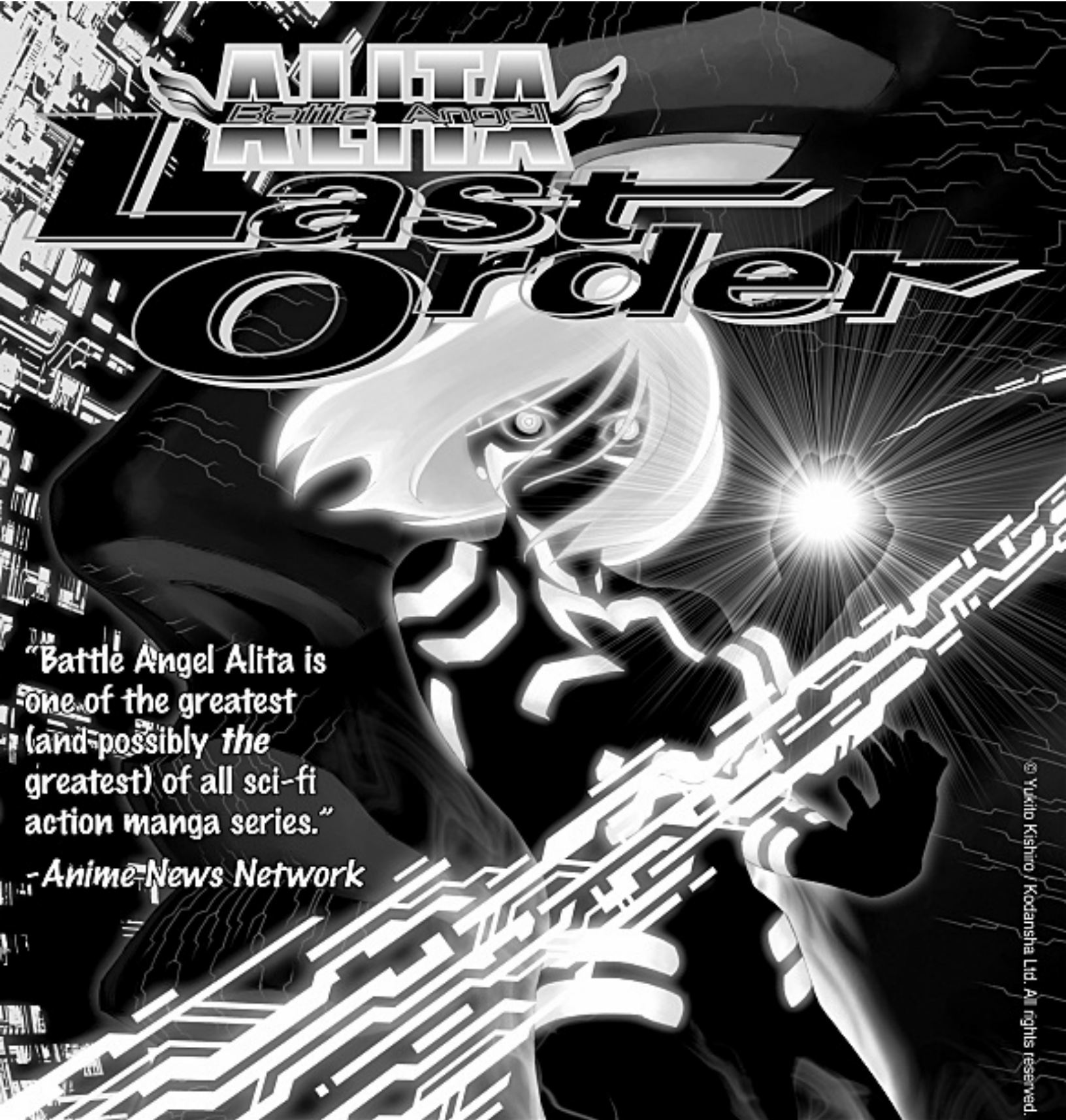


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